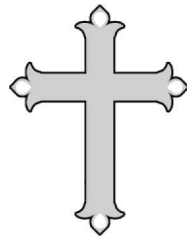


A SERVICE OF WORD AND
SACRAMENT
THE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN



CHRISTCHURCH
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The icon on the front cover, titled *The Virgin of Vladimir*, dates to the early-12th century. A classic example of the Byzantine school of iconography, the piece was written in Constantinople and transferred to the Orthodox Cathedral of the Dormition in Vladimir, Russia. The icon depicts the infant Christ being held in the arms of Mary, their cheeks pressed together in embrace, and the Saviour's gaze fixed firmly on his Mother. Centuries of contemplation have led theologians to remark on several key details of the artwork. First, the Virgin's eyes glance neither at the child nor at the viewer, but appear to look inward and outward at once. Second, Mary's free hand gestures towards the child seem to open a space for us to approach her son without fear. Third, her expression appears to mix maternal tenderness and poignant sorrow, representative of her emotions at the events of the Nativity and Calvary, respectively.



Welcome to Christchurch! If you're visiting with us today, you bless us with your presence!

Children's Worship Instructions

Children five years old to 5th grade are invited to follow the last cross in procession to go to Children's Church.

Children under five are invited to join Children's Church with a parent, be taken to our nursery, remain with their family in service, or any combination thereof.

A Note for Mothers of Newborns

If you have a baby who is not ready for the nursery, we have a New Mothers' room on the second floor of the church building in the Hidden Treasure Room located to the right of the elevators where new mothers can watch the service while attending to a newborn's needs.

*Kindly refrain from bringing food or drink into the church and silence all electronic devices.
Please maintain silence before worship for prayer.*

..... The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn *Please stand*

The Lord Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

1. The Lord whom earth and sea and sky a -
 2. And he whose will is ev - er done by
 3. How blest that Mo - ther, in whose shrine the
 4. Blest in the mess - age Gab - riel brought, blest
 5. O Je - su, Vir - gin born, to thee et -

dore moon and praise and mag - ni - fy,
 and and seas, and by stars - ni - fy,
 ve - ry Word of God di - vine,
 in the work the Spi - Rit wrought,
 er - nal praise and glo - ry be,

who is borne their three - fold fab - ric reigns, the
 the borne mak - er on a maid - ric en's breast, whom
 blest ev - er - more, the who earth and sky, was
 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and

Vir - gin's spot - less womb con - tains.
 God fore - see - ing grace poss - essed.
 pleased in flesh - ly form to lie.
 long des - ired of all the earth.
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er - more.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

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.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Gloria

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

God, heaven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 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. 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 Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

..... **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Isaiah 61:10-11

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34

¹ I will always give thanks unto the LORD;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

² My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
the humble shall hear this and be glad.

³ O praise the LORD with me,
and let us magnify his Name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he heard me;
he delivered me out of all my fears.

⁵ They looked unto him, and were made glad,
and their faces were not ashamed.

⁶ Look, the poor man cries, and the LORD hears him,
and saves him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear him,
and delivers them in time of need.

⁸ O taste and see how gracious the LORD is;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

9 O fear the LORD, you that are his saints;
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD shall lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you desires to live,
and longs to see good days?

13 Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking lies.

14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayers.

16 The countenance of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to those who are brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

20 He keeps all his bones,
so that not one of them is broken.

21 But evil shall slay the ungodly,
and those who hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD delivers the souls of his servants,
and all those who put their trust in him shall not be destitute

The Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn *Please stand*

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord! Un -
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name. Make
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might: pow'rs
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word: firm

num - bered bless - ings, give my spi - rit
 known his might, the deeds his arm - has
 and do min - ions lay their glo - ry
 is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy

voice. Ten - der to my the prom - ise of his
 done. His mer - cy sure, from age to age the
 by; proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to
 sure. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the

word. In God my Sav - iour shall my heart re - joice.
 same. His ho - ly name, the Lord, the might - y one.
 flight, the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 Lord to child - ren's child - ren, and for ev - er - more.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin *Please remain kneeling*

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

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

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

..... **The Holy Communion**

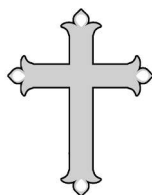
Setting of the Table

Gloria

A. Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus,
Jesu Christe!

Translation:
Gloria to God in the highest!
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
You alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ



*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



Presentation Hymn *Please stand*

Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and
vis - it it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing. O Com - for -
ter, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.



The Great Thanksgiving - Anglican Standard Text *Please remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

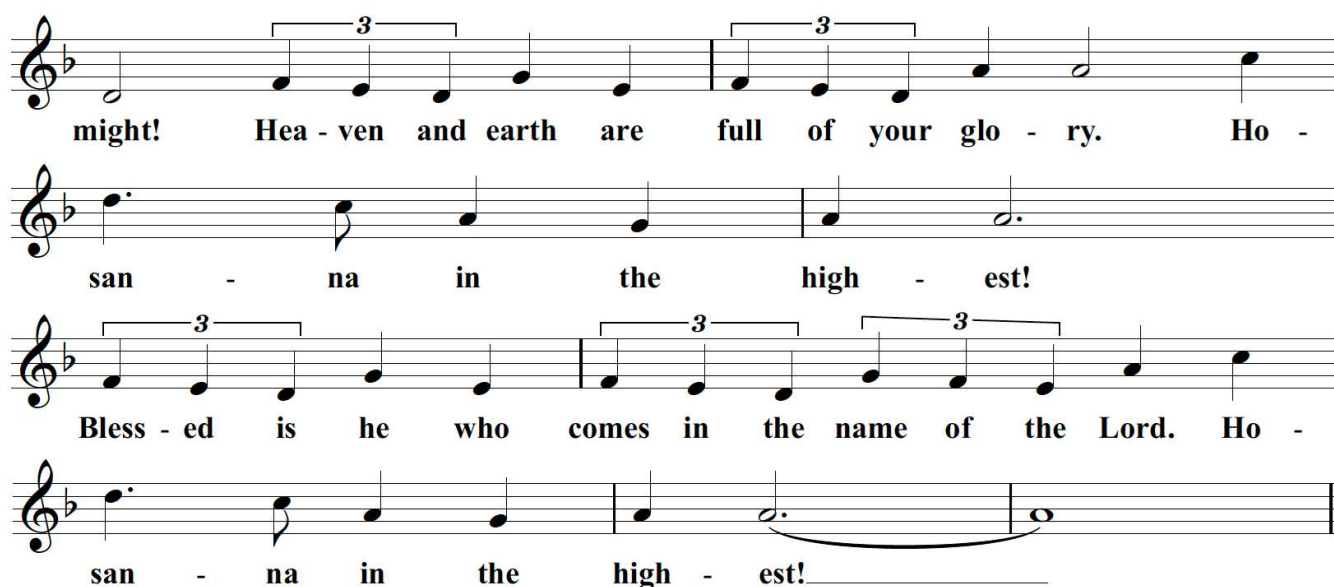
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



Please kneel

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then says

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

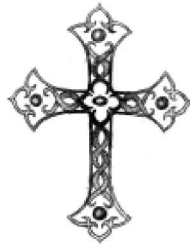
Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant_____ us peace.



All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion.

To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed.

When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered.

If you prefer you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue.

Women are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving communion.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available from the acolyte stationed at the Modesty Rail.

Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

Ushers will guide you from your pew. The rails are filled from the center front to the back.

Once you receive, please return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you would like prayer after you have received Communion, please see one of the Prayer Team members who can be found in either of the transepts.

Communion Music

Who is the great king of glory,
seated on high in the heavens?
O Jesus, you alone!
You are the Lord God Almighty,
strong in compassion and mercy.
O Jesus, you alone!

I've searched the world
for a love that could fill my heart.
Nothing compares
to the wonder of who you are.

*"Holy!" all the earth singing,
"Holy!" all the angels cry,
"Holy!" Jesus, you alone.
Jesus, you alone.*

You set the stars in the heavens.
You set the world into motion.
O Jesus, you alone!
You breathed your life in creation.
You walked among your created.
O Jesus, you alone!

Communion Music

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace.

Amen!

May his favour be upon you,
and a thousand generations,
and your family, and your children,
and their children, and their children.

Jesus, You Alone

Chorus

*"Worthy!" all creation sings,
"Worthy!" all the heavens
exalt thee, Jesus, you alone.
Jesus, you alone.*

You shed your blood for salvation.
You broke the curse for our freedom.
O Jesus, you alone!
You rose from death with the morning.
You'll come again in your glory.
O Jesus, you alone!

*"Holy!" I can't help but sing,
"Holy!" how my heart cries out,
"Holy!" Jesus, you alone.
"Worthy!" I lift my voice and sing,
"Worthy!" I bow my life to exalt thee.
Jesus, you alone.*

The Blessing

May his presence go before you,
and behind you, and beside you,
all around you, and within you,
he is with you, he is with you

in the morning, in the evening,
in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing,
he is for you, he is for you.

Amen!

Communion Music

Bless the Lord

When I think of all you've done,
how you met me with your love,
my heart sings.
You reached out when I was lost,
saw my need, and filled my heart
with good things.
My heart sings.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and sing of his mercy!
Bless the Lord! Bless the Lord!
I'll bless the Lord!*

You forgive my every thought
and redeem my every wrong;
my heart sings.
You restore what's torn apart;
only you can mend a heart
with beauty.
My heart sings.

Chorus

From sunrise to sunset
- bless the Lord, O my soul -
your mercies are endless
- bless the Lord, O my soul -
as high as the heavens
- bless the Lord, O my soul -
my soul will bless the Lord!

Chorus

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Please stand*

Sing We of the Blessed Mother

Sing we of the bless-ed Mo-ther who re-ceived the ang-el's word,
Sing we, too, of Ma-ry's sor-rows, of the sword that pierced her through,
Sing a-gain the joys of Ma-ry when she saw the ris-en Lord,
Sing the chief-est joy of Ma-ry when on earth her work was done,
and ob-ed-ient to his sum-mons bore in love the in-fant Lord.
when be-neath the cross of Je-sus she his weight of suff-ering knew,
and in prayer with Christ's ap-ost-les, wait-ed on his pro-mised word.
and the Lord of all cre-a-tion brought her to his heaven-ly home.
Sing we of the joys of Ma-ry at whose breast that child was fed
looked up-on her Son and Sav-iour reign-ing high on Cal-vary's tree,
From on high the blaz-ing glo-ry of the Spi-rit's pres-ence came,
Vir-gin Mo-ther, Ma-ry bless-ed, raised on high and crowned with grace,
who is Son of God et-er-nal and the ev-er-last-ing Bread.
saw the price of man's re-demp-tion paid to set the sin-ner free.
heaven-ly breath of God's own be-ing, man-i-fest through wind and flame.
may your Son, the world's re-deem-er, grant us all to see his face.

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,
People **All the time!**
Gospeler All the time,
People **God is good!**
Gospeler Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Honor and Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for**

Jenny Holman

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Alan L. Reid
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Dollene W. McLemore
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Director of Music	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Rick Oates and Robert McBride
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Jimmy Seay, Celia Thorington, and Bethany Gamma
Crucifer	Wilson Craven
Server	Ava Crane
Gospel Torch Bearers	Zoe Garrison and Destiny Reynolds
Altar Guild	Lyle Wilder, Kim Dennis, Judy Derickson, and Kathleene Hawthorne
Greeters	Mei Andersen and Tom Andersen
Prayer Team	Teresa Reid, Pamela Swan, Kat Murchison, Rick Murchison, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Price McLemore, Bill Palmer, Harold Mann, Joseph Hixon, and Don Hale



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