

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church

November 28, 2021

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.

OPENING VOLUNTARY: “Once He Came in Blessing” John Leavitt

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
✝ your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Fling Wide the Door” ELW 259

Fling Wide the Door

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weisse1, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version
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Greeting

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 and Gloria, ELW Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



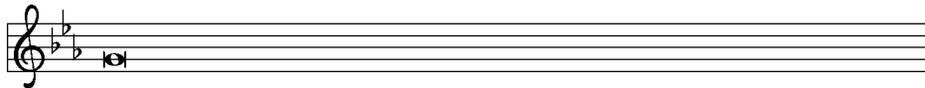
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



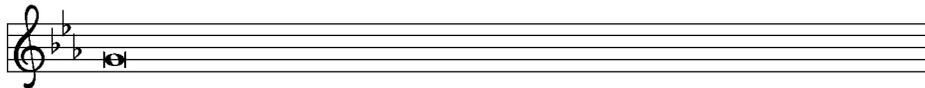
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



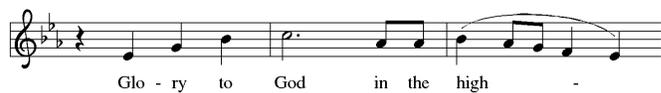
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, 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. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



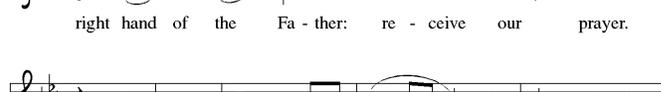
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



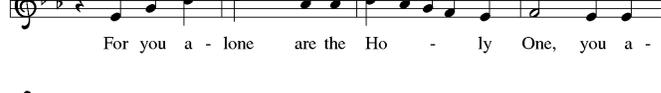
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



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,



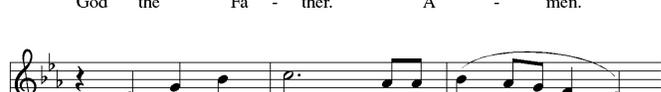
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, who shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

Refrain



Psalm 25:1

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Tone 3



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- ¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**
- ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may that very God, our Father, and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may the Lord so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia sung by the assembly. Verse sung by the cantor.

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

Stand up and | raise your heads—* your redemption is | drawing near.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the dominion of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” ELW 435

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear;
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

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

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799

Prayers of Intercession

On this first Sunday of Advent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, responding to each petition with the words **Come to save us.**

We pray, holy God, for the church universal --
for the unity of the church,
for hope as Christians around the globe begin a new year of grace,
for the missionaries kidnapped in Haiti,
for all the churches of Arlington county:
O God, our Sanctuary, empower the church, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation --
for the will and wisdom to care for the earth,
for lands that are devastated by climate change,
for the parks of Arlington county,
for animals that have been abused:
O God, Rainbow of promise, preserve the earth, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world --
for efforts toward international cooperation,
for peace in Israel and Palestine,
for the Jews at their festival of Hanakkah, and for an end to worldwide antisemitism,
for justice to pervade our nation's criminal trials,
for resolve as our nation works to redress our patterns of prejudice:
O God, Sovereign and Judge, guide the nations, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

We pray, benevolent God, for the poor, the oppressed, those bereaved or lonely --
for the hungry and the homeless,
for Native Americans,
for persons without family or friends,
for those who must recover from acts of random violence:
O God, Shepherd and Mother, protect the needy, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit --
for those in hospitals and health institutions,
for those who receive no medical care,
for those with Covid and their caretakers,
for . . .

1. Roy Guenther
2. Nancy MacDonald
3. Bob MacDonald
4. Grant Aldonas
5. Norm Olsen
6. Ellie Barnes
7. Judy Frank
8. Effie Stallsmith
9. Malcolm Stark
10. Barb Jensen
11. Charlotte Boeck
12. Lynn Kiewel
13. Phillip Swingler
14. Maria Liwski
15. Tucker Dean
16. Irene Belcher
17. Sharon Kravetz
18. Analyse, Ramon, and Nicky Villatoro
19. John and Anneliese Arnold
20. Julie Bates
21. The family of John Showman
22. The family of Janette Wray

And for all who today will die:

O God, Nurse and Comforter, heal the sick, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

We pray, faithful God, for our congregation --

for deeper faith and stronger commitment for us all,
for our homebound members,
for our upcoming intergenerational events,
for Pastor Linman, our congregation's leaders and volunteers,
O God, Everlasting Arms, embrace this assembly, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

We pray, loving God, for the desires of our hearts:
O God, our Heart's Desire, grant us peace, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith –
for Andrew the apostle,
for those who have died recently of Covid,
for those we name in our hearts before you.
That even in times of distress and uncertainty we find our hope in you,
O God, our Homeland, gather us to yourself, and in your mercy,
come to save us.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these
prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other,
waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please
refrain from handshakes and hugs.*

Choir Anthem: "Come, O Precious Ransom" Mark Shepperd

Offering and Setting the Table

*While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare
to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel
where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize
and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.*

Offering Prayer

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **Amen.**

Dialogue and Preface

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.

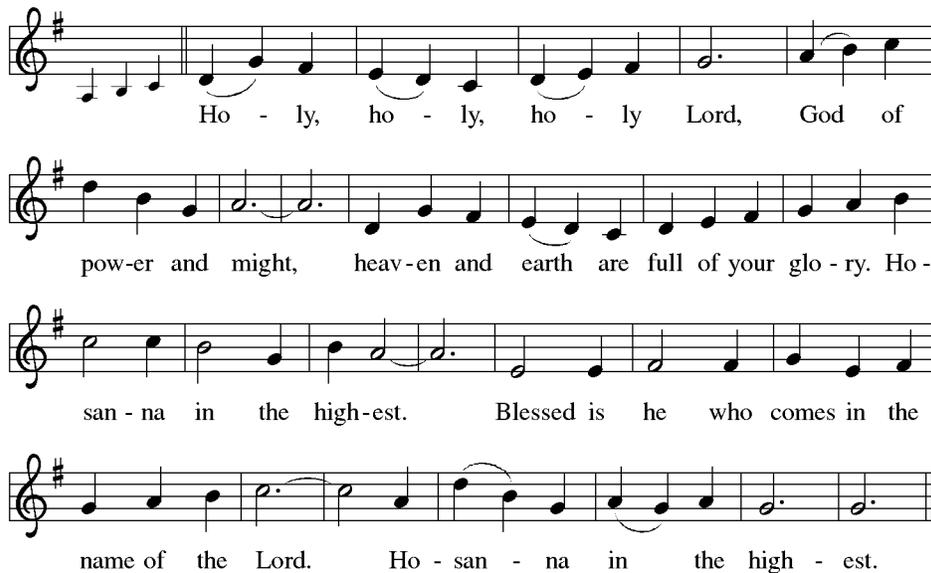
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy ELW Setting One



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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 for the 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 sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

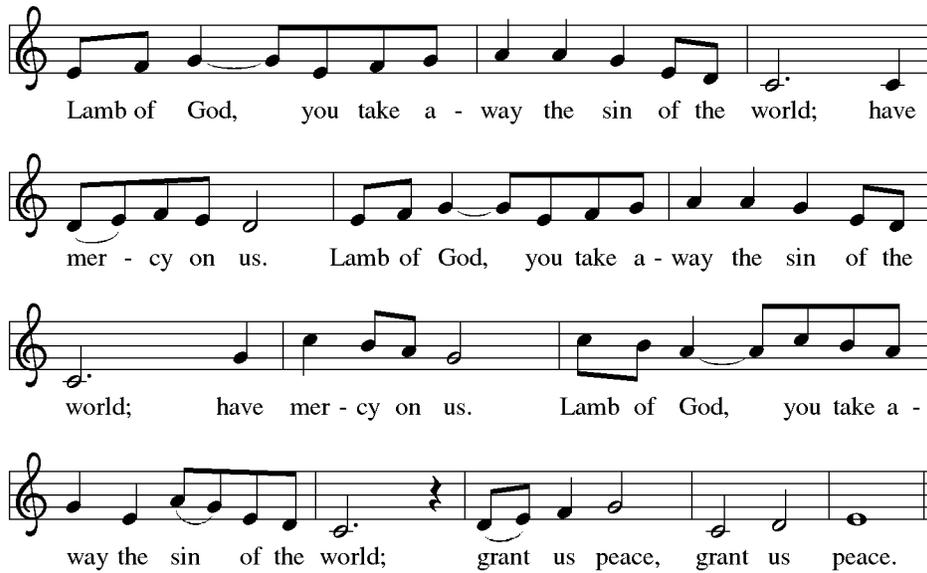
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

Lamb of God: ELW Setting One



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Prayer after Communion

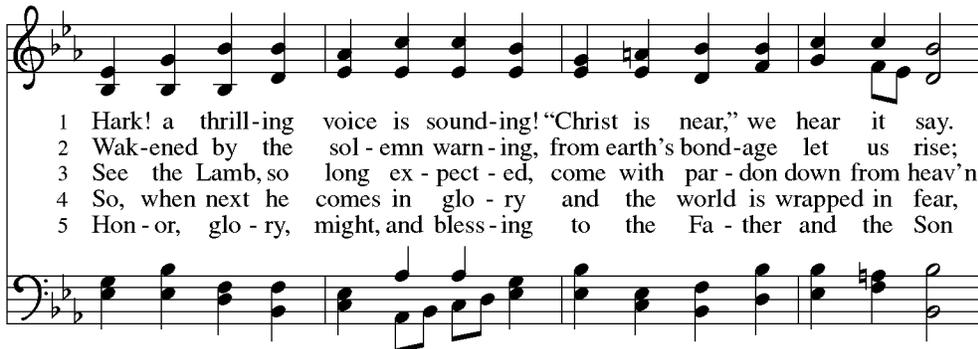
Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!" ELW 246

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: “*Savior of the Nations, Come*” Helmut Walcha

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