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Welcome

We hope you feel welcomed by our community, inspired by the message of Jesus today and excited to live that out in the coming week

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026 ~ 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

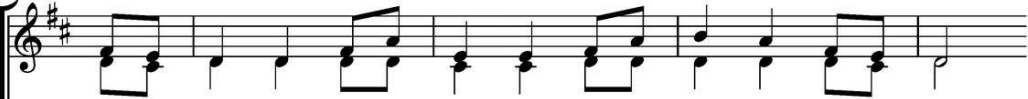
What a Joy! We Love Our Reading

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2025

Nettleton

John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813


1. What a joy! We love our read-ing—books on health and his - to - ry.
 2. On the Sab - bath, Je - sus wor-shipped, and he read there, from the scroll:
 3. There are pow - ers that would stop it: "Take these books right off the shelves!"
 4. Bless the wri - ters and the dream-ers and the peo - ple who can see:
 5. Je - sus taught us how to love you— us-ing heart, soul, strength and mind.

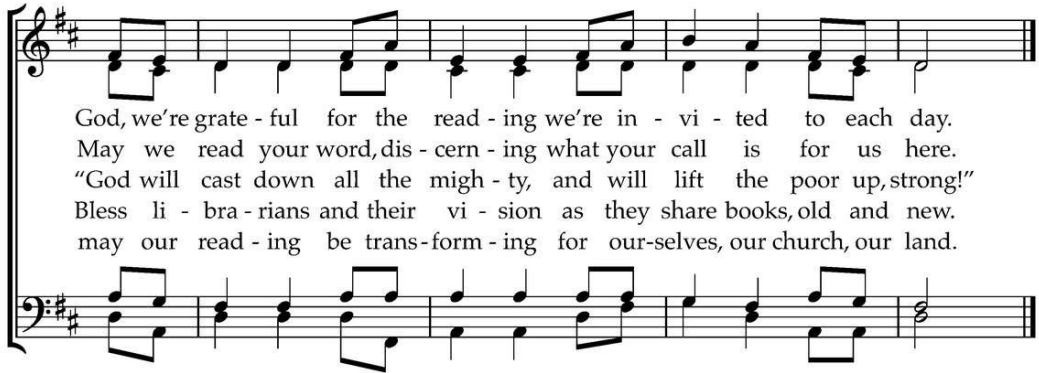


We love nov - els, sci-ence fic - tion, and great works of po - et - ry.
 Your own Spi - rit was up - on him to make wound-ed peo-ple whole.
 "Stop the power of ed - u - ca-tion!"—stop our think - ing for our-selves.
 There is truth out there for read - ing, and the truth will set us free.
 May our read - ing be a bless - ing that we nev - er leave be - hind.



We read prayers and med - i - ta - tions; we read books for work and play.
 Read-ing scrip-ture from I - sai - ah, Je - sus made his mis-sion clear.
 Yet the poor will keep on read - ing; they'll find hope in Ma-ry's song:
 Bless the teach-ers shar-ing sto - ries; bless the book-store work-ers, too.
 May we let our-selves be chal - lenged, may we read to un - der-stand,

(Con't)



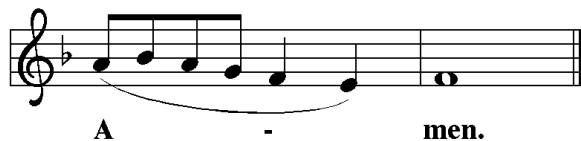
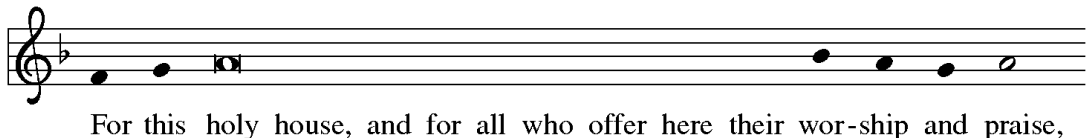
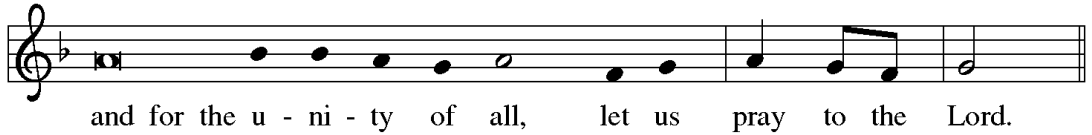
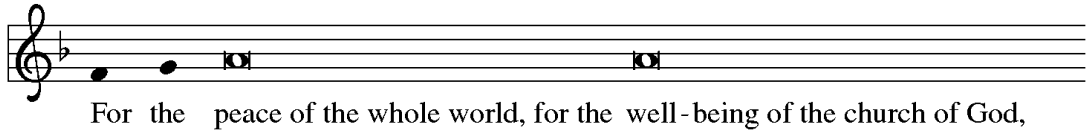
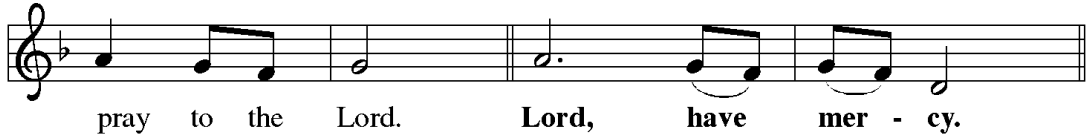
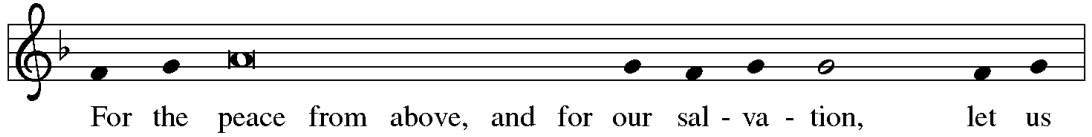
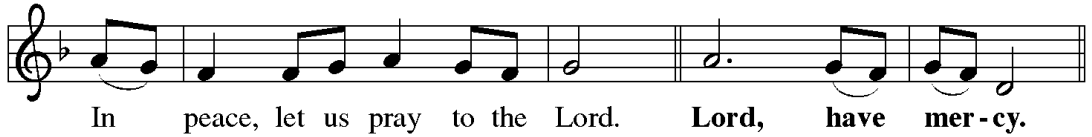
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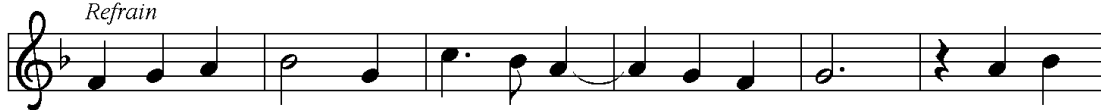
GREETING

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

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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

(con't)

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EPIPHANY'S LIBRARY MINISTRY

L: Gracious God, for forty years, this library has stood as a sanctuary for the mind and a companion to our faith. For every volume placed on these shelves and every story shared within these walls,

C: We give you hearty thanks, O God.

L: For the visionary founders who first gathered these books, and for the dedicated volunteers who have organized, cataloged, and cared for this collection through the years,

C: We bless you for their faithful service, O Lord.

L: For the children who have discovered your love through vibrant pictures, and for the adults who have found comfort, challenge, and deep wisdom in these pages,

C: We thank you for the generations who have gathered here.

L: For books of prayer that have guided our devotion, histories that have anchored our identity, and stories that have expanded our empathy for your diverse world,

C: May your truth continue to enlighten us, O Lord.

L: As we celebrate this milestone, consecrate this library anew. May it remain a beacon of curiosity, a shelter for the heavy-hearted, and a living testament to our love of learning,

C: Bless this sacred space for the years to come.

L: Grant that all who enter its doors may grow in knowledge, love, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Please sit

READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

A A reading from Leviticus.

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

(Con’t)

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

SERMON

Pastoral Intern Tony Maggio

*Please stand***HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW #504***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

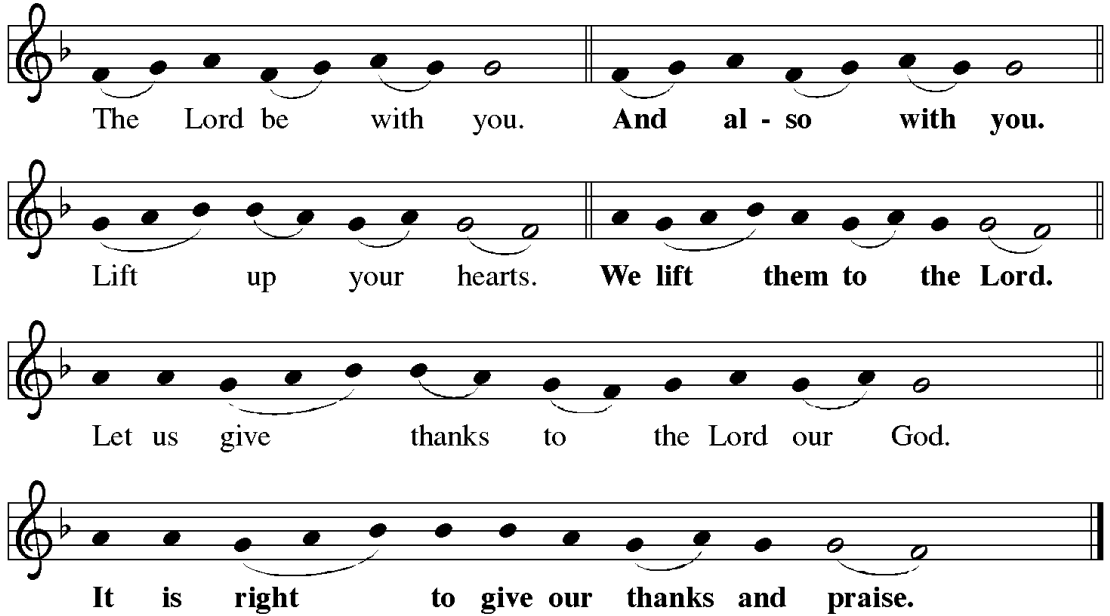
C **And also with you.**

Please Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adult Bells

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above --arr. McChesney

*Please stand***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**


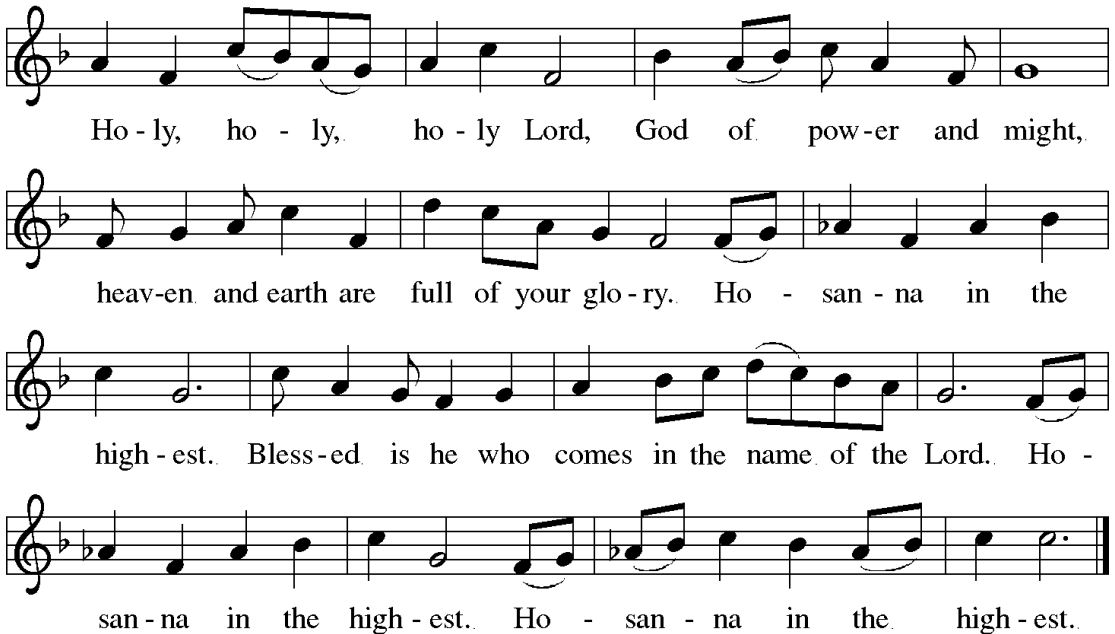
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

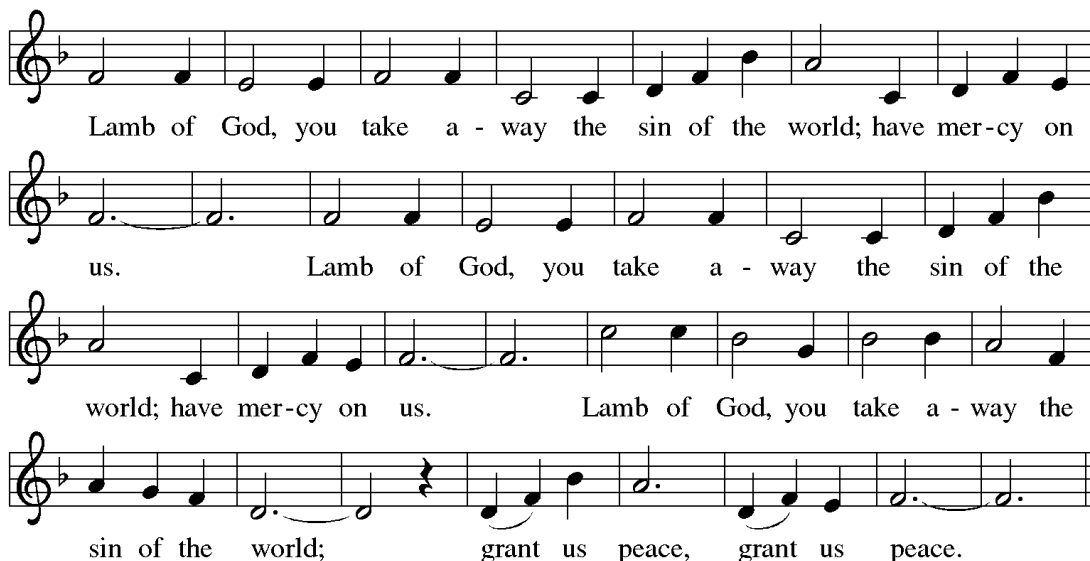
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



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: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in communion this morning! Gluten-free wafers are available if needed. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like to have communion brought to you in the pew, please don't hesitate to raise your hand to catch the traveling server's attention and also let the usher know. If you have questions about communion, contact Pastor Brad at: pastorbrad@epiphany-lutheran.com.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #663

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re - deem-er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work-ing both to will and do.
 let the gath-'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

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Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of the bread and wine
 that we have shared, strengthen us and unite us in bonds of love and peace.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Sustaining God,
 with this bread and cup,
 you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
 By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
 Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
 following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
- C** **Amen**

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK

*Please stand***CLOSING HYMN****ELW #543*****Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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DISMISSAL**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**C** **Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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