

St. Luke Anglican Church Brighton, St. George

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*Mission: To **make** Chr**I**st's Pre**S**ence Vi**S**ible **I**n Our Commu**n**ity*

Proper 16

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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24th August, 2025

REGULAR SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Said Eucharist and Sermon
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School (Christian Education)
- 8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon

OPENING SENTENCE

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God acceptable worship and reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews 12: 28,29*

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT HYMN: 478 A&M

This is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours His own;
Let Heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the Throne.

To-day He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints His triumph spread,
And all His wonders tell.

Hosanna to th' anointed King,
To David's Holy Son!

Make haste to help us, Lord, and bring
Salvation from Thy Throne.

Bless'd be the Lord, Who comes to men
With messages of grace!
Who comes, in God His Father's Name,
To save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise;
The highest Heav'ns in which He reigns
Shall give Him nobler praise.

ALL:

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in
your Name and in fellowship with one another.
Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond
to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world
and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our
sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and
bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of
your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL:

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. Sometimes we forget that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: We turn our backs on those in need, passing the responsibility to someone else. “Let someone else do the work,” we proclaim. And in that proclamation, we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

LEADER: Stop us from our selfish ways and heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Help us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service.

Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

Proper 16 (page 177)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saint Bartholomew (page 188)

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love and receive that Word in whom he believed and faithfully preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – *Keisha Best*

Today as we focus on the readings, we notice the prominence of the Sabbath, as well as the underlying foundations of a “Sabbath way of life” in the Gospel reading. Closely aligned with this is the word “kingdom” which comes through in several of the readings including the alternative readings for today (Isaiah 58 and psalm 103. These two biblical words are closely related. As we may be aware, the Sabbath is a foundational element of the Jubilee system of justice and equity that God gave to Israel, ensuring

sufficient rest, and – arising from the Manna story – discouraging hoarding and accumulation. The Kingdom, as best represented by the “mission statement” of Jesus in Luke 4, verses 18-19, is also about Jubilee, about justice and equity, and ensuring peace and well-being for all. This is the unshakeable kingdom referred to by the writer of Hebrews. This is the call of Isaiah’s prophecy, and the message of Jeremiah that will bring down unjust kingdoms and build up just ones. This is the prayer and the praise of the psalms. In healing this crippled woman on the Sabbath, and teaching that mercy is a Sabbath-activity, Jesus embodies the justice, grace and welcome of God’s unshakeable kingdom.

In our “time is money” world, Sabbath has lost its essential meaning. It is all too easy for us to become driven by the same idols of success, wealth and convenience that the affluent sections of our global society embrace – and all too many churches and theological systems have done just this. But, if we are to be Sabbath/Kingdom people, we are to step out of this system, embracing rather the rhythms of justice – meaningful work, joyful rest, compassionate service, generous sharing, and a commitment to equity and compassion. During our worship today and this week,

let us consider two questions - Who are those who have been crippled by the weight of the world's unjust and inequitable systems? How can we as God's people allow the Sabbath to become a healing and liberating experience for them and us? May our worship today lead us into a life of true worship, faithfulness and service. We dedicate our next hymn in celebration of the life of the Apostle Saint Bartholomew, and we pray for our brothers and sisters at the Church of St. Bartholomew as they celebrate their Patron Saint this week.

HYMN: CPWI 803

God of saints, to whom the number
of the starry host is known:
many saints by earth forgotten
live for ever round your throne.

In the roll of your apostles
stands the name Bartholomew;
for this faithful saint we offer,
year by year, our thanks to you.

All his faith and prayer and patience,
all his toiling and his strife,
all are veiled from us, but written
in the Lamb's great book of life.

There are named the blessed faithful
of the new Jerusalem.
When Christ comes again in glory,
number us, we pray, with them.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read
and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be
on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words
slip away. May there be one voice we hear today —
the voice of truth and grace. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jeremiah is called by God to be a prophet, but protests that he is too young. God promises to put God's words into Jeremiah's mouth.

READER: A reading from the Word of God written
in **the Book of Jeremiah chapter 1 verses 4 to 10**

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵ ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and
before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed
you a prophet to the nations.’ ⁶ Then I said, ‘Ah,
Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I
am only a boy.’ ⁷ But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not
say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom
I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command
you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to
deliver you, says the Lord.’ ⁹ Then the Lord put out
his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to
me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See,
today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to
overthrow, to build and to plant.’

The Word of the Lord (or Here ends the reading.)

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6 (Page 556)

A prayer for God’s protection and care.

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me
free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the
wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the
oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was
born;
from my mother's womb you have been my
strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Unlike the people of Israel who were afraid of God's appearing at the mountain, followers of Christ have been invited into God's grace and the joyous community of worship in Christ. We have received an unshakeable kingdom, and must be careful to listen to Christ's words, and worship God in thankfulness.

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews chapter 12 verses 18 to 29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and

to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ ²⁷ This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord (or Here ends the reading.)

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: CPWI 373

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad

the honours of thy name.

THE GOSPEL:

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath, incurring the criticism of the synagogue leader. Jesus points out that everyone 'works' on the Sabbath, and that it is right and good that she should be freed.

READER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

READER: A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **St. Luke [13:10-17]**

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹⁰ Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying

to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

READER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of 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.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He 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 APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of 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.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS – FORM A

Extempore prayers shall be offered.

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRESIDENT

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PEACE SONG:

Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation
Cause us Oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love.

Let there be hope shared among us
Let there be hope in our eyes
May now your hope sweep this nation
Cause us Oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real
Let there be hope shared among us
Let there be hope.

Let there be joy shared among us
Let there be joy in our eyes
May now your joy sweep this nation
Cause us Oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real

Let there be joy shared among us
Let there be joy.

OFFERTORY HYMN: CPWI 416

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable,

holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.

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

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation you brought light

and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church.

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:

ALL

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

E

PRESIDENT

Sovereign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;

In your great love you fashioned
us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.

On the night that He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to his disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you,
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
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 for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT

Therefore, Father, according to the command
of your dearly beloved Son

ALL

We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in glory

PRESIDENT

And we offer you, Father,
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,
Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.
As we partake of this holy food of new
and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
establish us as a royal priesthood
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Luke
and all your sons and daughters who share

in your eternal inheritance;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we
all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation

PRESIDENT

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

COMMUNION HYMN: CPWI 625

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united

to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: CPWI 531

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the pleasures of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art thou,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first lovèd me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee and dwell in thy sight;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: CPWI 659

Lamb of God, I look to thee,

thou shalt my example be:
thou art gentle, meek and mild,
thou wast once a little child.

Fain I would be as thou art;
give me thy obedient heart;
thou art pitiful and kind,
let me have thy loving mind.

Meek and lowly may I be;
thou art all humility:
let me to my betters bow,
subject to thy parents thou.

Let me above all fulfill
God my Heavenly Father's will;
never his good Spirit grieve
only to his glory live.

Thou didst live to God alone,
thou didst never seek thine own,
thou thyself didst never please,
God was all thy happiness.

Loving Jesu, gentle Lamb,
in thy gracious hands I am;
make me, Saviour, what thou art;
live thyself within my heart.

I shall then show forth thy praise,
serve thee all my happy days;
then the world shall always see
Christ, the Holy Child, in me.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: CPWI 552

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

Refrain:

*I need thee, O I need thee!
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour!
I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;

temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee every hour;
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain.

Refrain

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfil.

Refrain

I need thee every hour,
most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
thou blessèd Son!

Refrain

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: CPWI 539

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with
gladness and singleness of heart, through your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go now in the blessing of God's love that cannot be shaken, trusting in God's promises as you work for a world of justice, peace and mercy for all. And the

blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

PRESIDENT:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN: CPWI 308

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,

that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.



*Therefore, since we are
receiving a kingdom that
cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful,
and so worship God
acceptably with
reverence and awe*

Hebrews 12:28 NIV

Thank you for joining us!



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