

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 10:00 A.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ, revealing his life, love, and light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a welcoming, inclusive faith family; sharing and teaching the love of Jesus Christ through our worship, actions, and outreach: transforming ourselves and the world.

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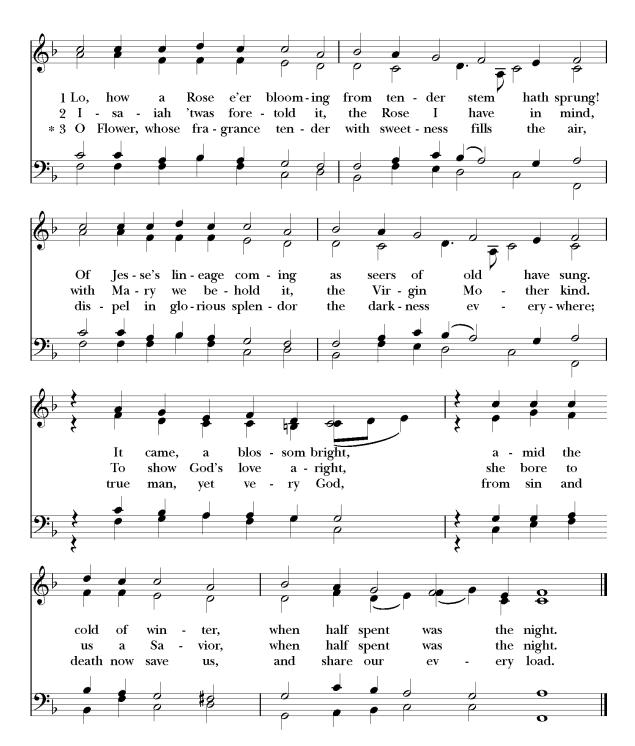
GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

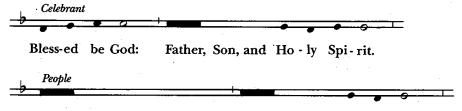
OPENING HYMN (see next bage)

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ES IST EIN ROS, 7.6.7.6.6.7.6; words and music, anon. 16th c.



THE OPENING SENTENCES

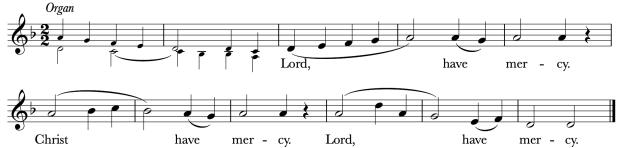


And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A- men.

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.

During the Kyrie Eleison, the appointed Advent candles are lit, and children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace, in time to receive communion with their families.

Sung first by cantor, then by all:



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

STIR up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10, The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

THE wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in | God my | Savior; * for he has looked with | favor • on his | lowly | servant.

From this day all generations will | call me | blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and | holy | is his | Name.

He has mercy on | those who | fear him *

in | every | gene- | ration.

He has shown the | strength • of his | arm, *

he has scattered the | proud in | their con- | ceit.

He has cast down the | mighty • from their | thrones, * and has | lifted | up the | lowly.

He has filled the | hungry • with | good things, * and the rich he has | sent a- | way | empty.

He has come to the help of his | servant | Israel, *

for he has re- | membered • his | promise • of | mercy,

The promise he | made • to our | fathers, *

to | Abraham • and his | children • for | ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10, Patience in Suffering

A reading from the letter of James.

BE patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

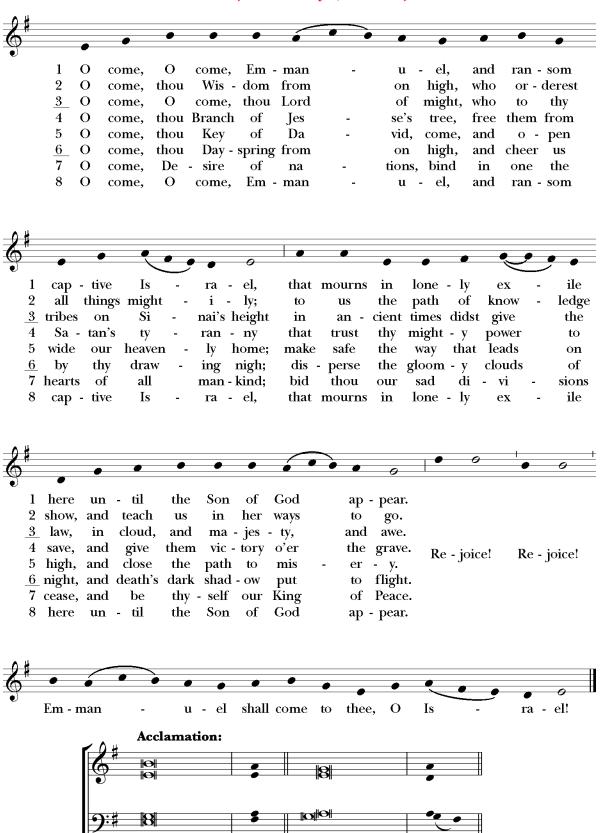
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

Verse 5 before the Gospel, verse 6 after.



Choir The Spirit of the Lord is up-/ on me,

because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the / poor.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11, Messengers from John the Baptist

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

WHEN John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following verse 6 of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and 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, of one 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 became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; for _____; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone; especially _____; that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Presider

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

People

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 neighbors as ourselves. 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.

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

CHILDREN'S HYMN

words and music, Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

The children process in from Children's Chapel, as the hymn is sung.



OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Alleluia, a New Work is Come on Hand"

Words, 15th c.; music, Michael Emery

A new work is come on hand through night and grace of Gode's Son to save the lost of every land.

For now is free that erst was bound: we may well sing Alleluia.

Now is fulfilled the prophecy of David and of Jeremy and also of Isaiah.

Sing we therefore both loud and high Alleluia.

Alleluia, this sweete song out of a green branch it sprung.

God send us the life that lasteth long, now joy and bliss be him among that thus can sing Alleluia.

Presentation Hymn

GREENSLEEVES, 8.7.8.7 with refrain;

words, William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); music, trad. English ballad, 16th c.

Please stand, as able.

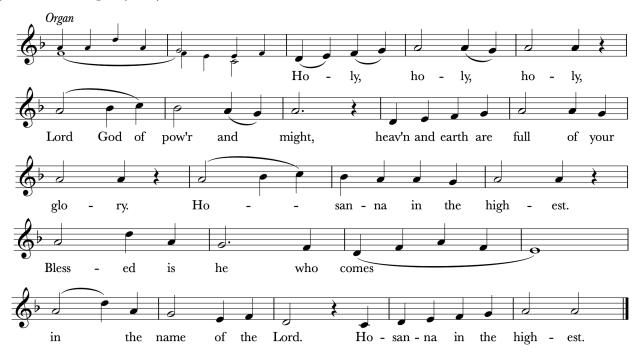


THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



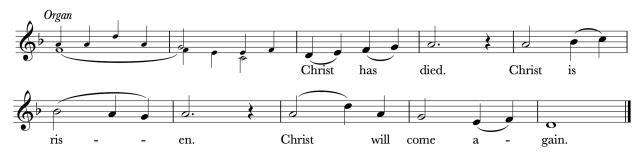
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

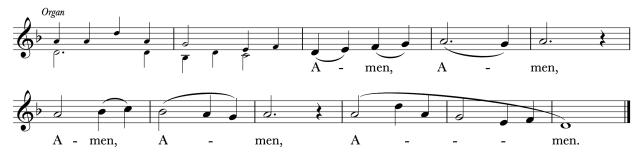
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

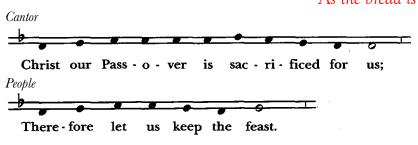


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the bread is broken:

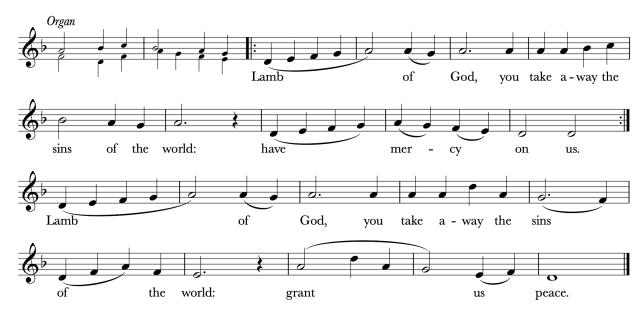


Presider Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Presider offers an invitation to Communion.

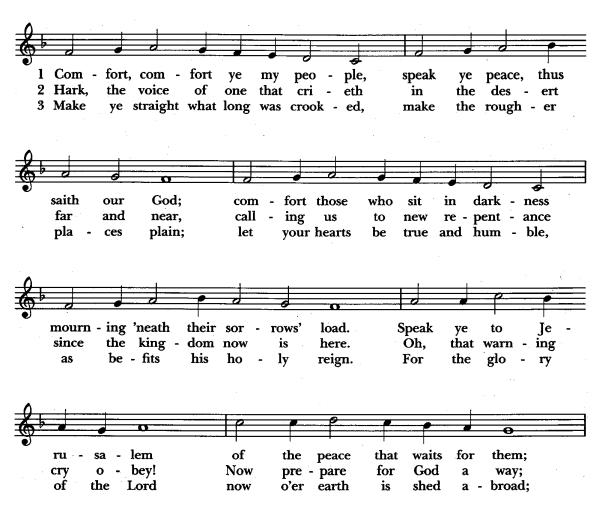


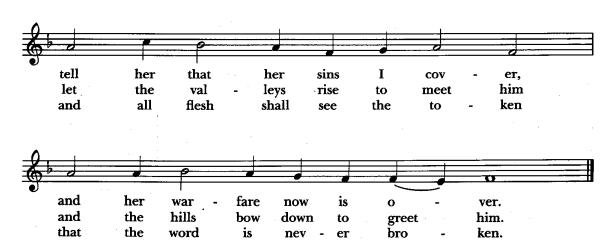
Please be seated, and come forward for Communion when guided so.
All are welcome to receive at St. Bartholomew's.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Comfort, Comfort ye my People"

GENEVAN 42, 8.7.8.7.7.8.8; words, Johannes Olearius (1611-1684); music, Claude Goudimel (ca. 1505-1572)

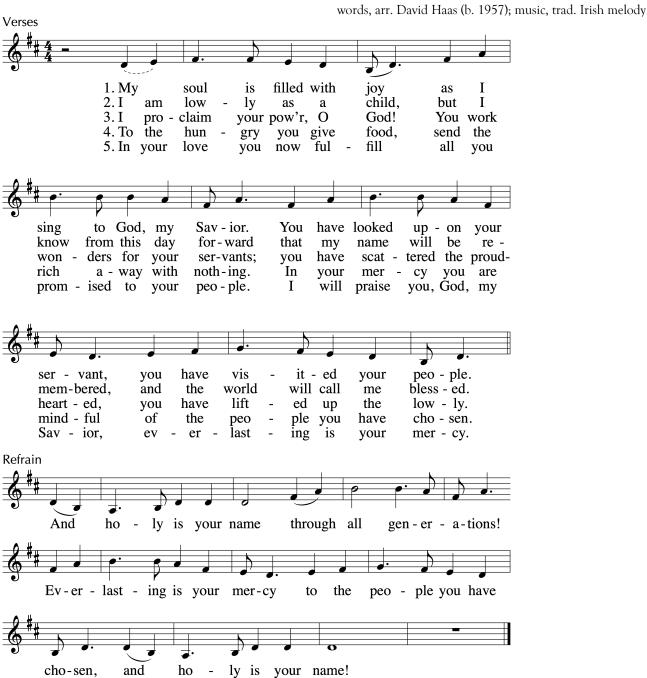




COMMUNION HYMN

"Holy is your Name"

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irregular;



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

ETERNAL God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your participation in today's service. Your presence is a blessing to us. "All are welcome. No exceptions."

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF QUILTS

The Presider says:

REATIVE God, we give thanks for the loving hands who made this outward symbol of your loving care. Bless this quilt that it may enfold your servant with comfort, mercy, and grace, easing any concern that may hinder them from enjoying the promise and peace of your Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

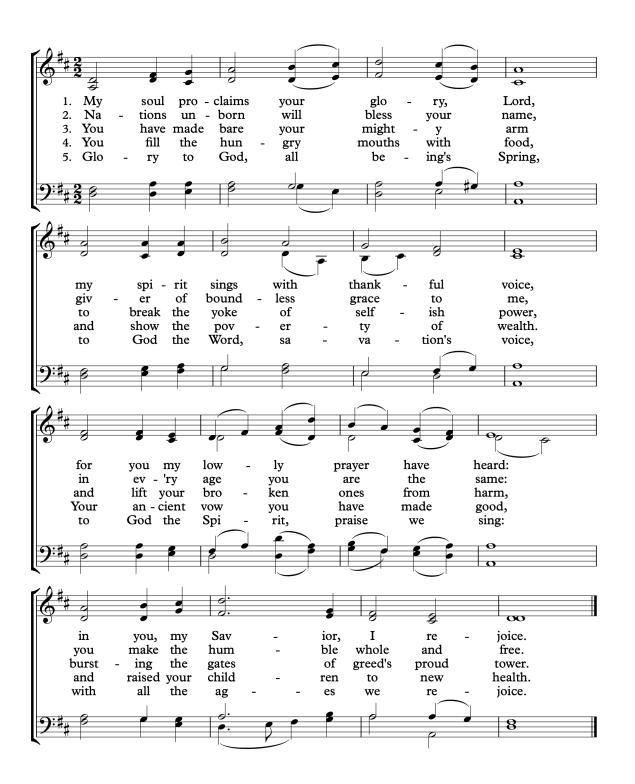
"My Soul Proclaims Your Glory"

DUKE STREET, 8.8.8.8; words, Paul Gibson (1932-2016); music, John Warrington Hatton (ca. 1710-1793)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



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