

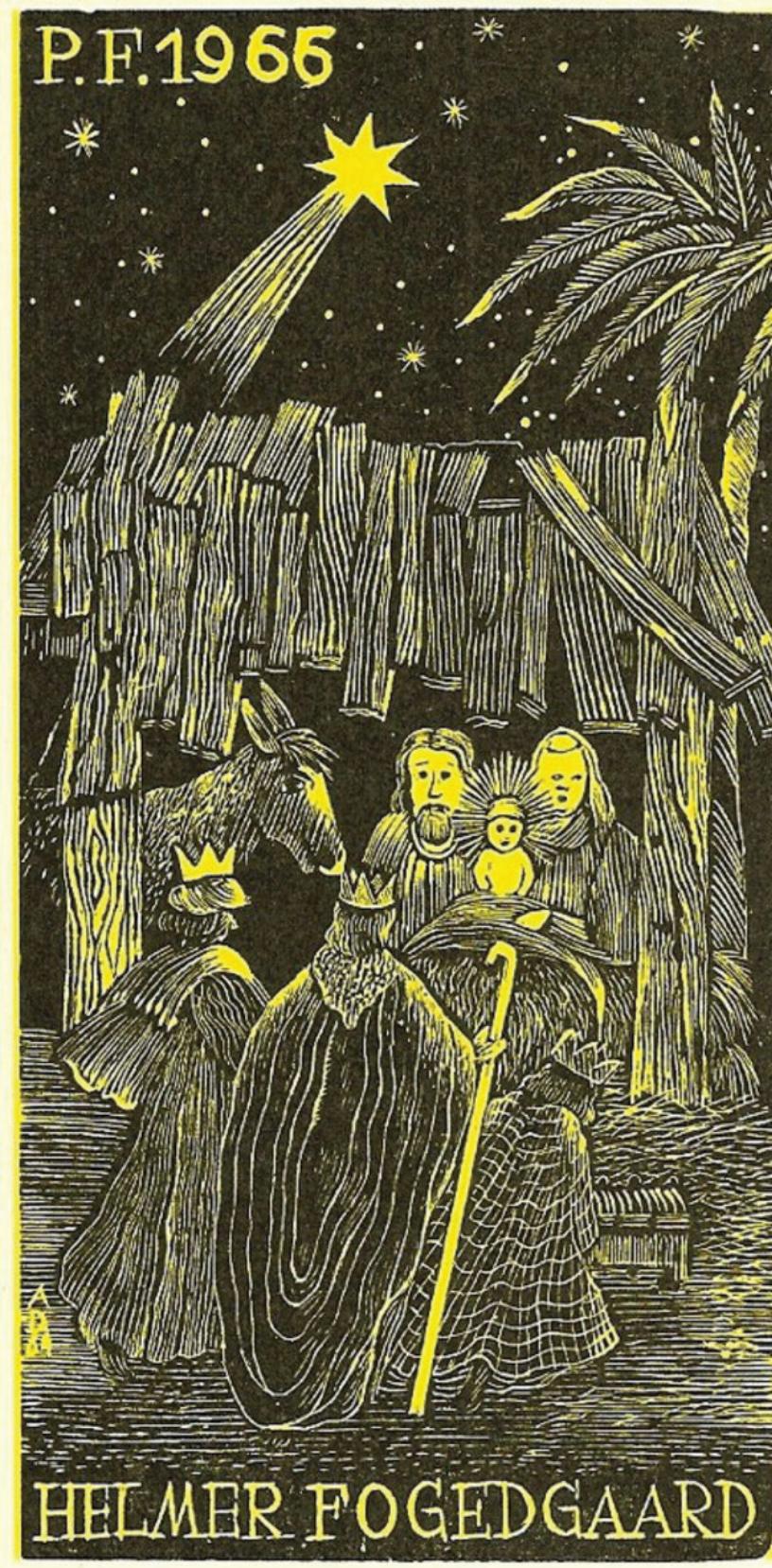


ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
6:00 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

We are delighted to have you with us this evening. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!



"The Star" wooden engraving by Antonin Dolezal

The altar flowers are given by Melodie Schwabacher in memory of Kelly Rubrecht.

OPENING HYMN

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" The Hymnal 83

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant The glory of God has been revealed.
People **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Good Christians All, Rejoice!” arranged by Benjamin Harlan

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice! Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
Good Christians all, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice! Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this; He hath opened the heavenly door, and all are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Good Christians all, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice! Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save, Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.
People **You come to set your people free.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light:
Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS

The People may be seated

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

Verses 1-3 are sung before the Gospel and verse 4 is sung after the Gospel

"Angels We Have Heard on High" The Hymnal 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-20

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who

is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

THE SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

Celebrant

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherd's field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list, and those we now name:

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially those we name before you:

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever.

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People may be seated. Please see Revelations Newsletter for a more in-depth look at what is happening in and around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

"The First Noel" Arranged by Dan Forrest

The First Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.
They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.
Then entered in those wise men three Full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind hath bought.

PRESENTATION HYMN

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" The Hymnal 99

The People stand as able

A musical score for "Go Tell It on the Mountain" in G major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a 'Refrain'. The second staff continues the refrain. The third staff begins with 'Je-sus Christ is born!'. The fourth staff continues with 'While shep-herds kept their'. The fifth staff concludes with 'flock by night, rang and'. The sixth staff begins with 'watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, rang and'. The seventh staff continues with 'trem-bled when lo! a-bove the night, rang and'. The eighth staff concludes with 'man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born, rang and'. The ninth staff begins with 'Repeat Refrain'. The tenth staff concludes with 'hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho-ly light. birth. morn.'

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WYOMING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We thank you, Creator God, that we live in a place where the glorious revelation of yourself is all around us. The prairie bursts with song from wind and birds and waving grasses. The abundance of animals roaming freely reminds us of our own freedom and the many ways you provide sustenance in your kingdom. From the depths of the ocean floor, you lifted your massive mountains and pointed them toward the heavens.

We, like your Son, our Lord, are called to these high places to get away and rest in communion with you. We marvel as we wander through stately pines and twirling aspens along the creeks, where trout dance on their tails above the rocks, and deer and elk sip from the water's edge. And we remember that you have given us the Living Water to quench our thirst. Our spirit is refreshed and our strength renewed.

We welcome the passing of seasons in broad circles of time, with anticipation of new things to come, and we recognize that same feeling of hope that encircles our faith. Our lives are lived between sunrises and sunsets and brilliant colors. But at night, the limitless stars have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of heaven and your wonder.

And with all these blessings of your creation around us, O God, we come together in communities on the prairie, by rivers and streams, on mountain tops, and in their shadows in the valley, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil and grown into a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ.

And so we join with saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say,

SANCTUS

The Celebrant and the People sing together

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" The Hymnal S130

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The music is in common time and includes lyrics in parentheses. The lyrics are:

(Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might,) (Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might,) (heav - en and earth are
full,) (full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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.)

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, your Son our Savior, reflected in each other's faces and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

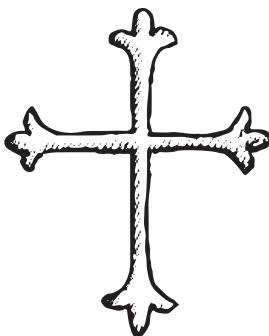
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time, bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant
& People*

**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.**



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

"Christ is our Passover" They Hymnal S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Children of any age and people of any denomination are welcome to receive communion. The bread will be placed in your hand. Please drink from the chalice of wine. If you prefer, leave the bread in your palm and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place the bread on your tongue. You may also receive the bread only and return to your seat. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O Holy Night" Vicky Macfarlane, Soloist

The People are invited to sing

"In the Bleak Midwinter" The Hymnal 112

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor - earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What can I give him, poor - as I am?
earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra-phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;
snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
the in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

"What Child is This" The Hymnal 115

"Lo How a Rose" St. John's Choir

LIGHTING OF THE PEOPLE'S CANDLES

The Choir will first light their candles from the Christ Candle, then pass the light to other worshipers.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Kirsten Farney will sing v. 1, the People are invited to sing vs. 2-3

"Silent Night" The Hymnal 111

Sil - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Joy To the World" vs. 1, 2, 4, The Hymnal 100

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff uses soprano C-clef, the middle staff alto C-clef, and the bottom staff bass F-clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with numbered lines 1 through 4 corresponding to specific lines of the hymn.

Lyrics:

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
2 Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
*3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
4 He rules the world with truth and grace,

receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, receive the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far na-tions prove the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, and

heaven and na-ture sing, and heaven and na-ture peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing as the curse is found, far as the curse is won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his

1 and heaven and na-ture sing, and
2 re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won-ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na-ture sing. joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy. found, far as, far as the curse is found. love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.

heaven and na-ture sing, peat the sound-ing joy, found, as the curse is love, won-ders of his

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

