

**Bethany Lutheran Church Worship Guide for**  
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**PRELUDE (ORGAN, BRASS & ORGAN)**  
**TRUMPET DUET—STANLEY**  
**A MIGHTY FORTRESS (ORGAN)**  
**TRUMPET MARCH--HANDEL**

**PROCESSIONS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

**Welcome**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
 and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
 and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
 before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
 and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
 and through his death and resurrection,  
 Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
 to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: ELW 654 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

### The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

### 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.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit whose light brought new understanding of both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

**We give thanks for the reminder of consistent grace and mercy from God through Jesus Christ.**

We are grateful for the inspiration that led to the invention of the printing press at the time of the Reformation, enabling the spread of information and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.

**We thank God for the many technologies that can be used for good to support communities and individuals.**

Generous God, we thank you for Martin Luther and the many open hearts that were prepared to hear and receive the good news of freedom in Christ over 500 years ago.

**We thank you for our continued freedom in the Son to share that same news of salvation through your grace and Christ's faithfulness.**

We remember the lives that were lost in the struggle to reform the church on earth—those who were martyred, those who died fighting, those who perished in hiding, and those who were killed on all sides.

**We remember also the lives that have been lost throughout history in the name of religion and for those who die today for daring to believe in you, O Lord.**

We thank you for the instruction that comes through our church heritage--the catechisms, the understanding of the saints, the gift of community, congregational song, and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

**We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ--in us, with us, and for us--and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.**

God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work and always being done in us out of your love for your whole creation. We are ever reformed by the work of your love. *Semper Reformanda.*

**We are ever reformed by the work of God's love. *Semper Reformanda.***

**Canticle of Praise:**

# That Priceless Grace

1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less  
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less  
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful  
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious

grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.  
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.  
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.  
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.

That price - less grace is life for me.

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Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46 Hymn: God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

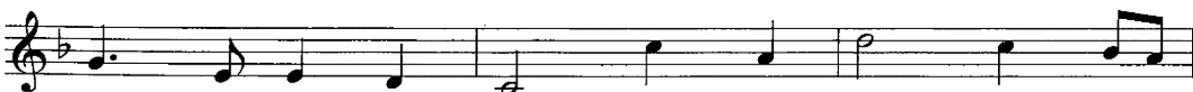
## 704 PSALM 46: GOD, OUR HELP AND CONSTANT REFUGE



1. God, our help and con - stant ref - uge, Ev - er pres - ent  
 2. Ho - ly riv - er of God's cit - y, Heal - ing flows with -  
 3. God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us. Come, be - hold these  
 4. Liv - ing Lord of Hosts, be with us. Come, and fill us



in our need! Though the earth be ev - er chang - ing, Though it  
 in your streams, Giv - ing strength with - in our cri - sis, Firm and  
 might - y deeds: Wars are end - ed, spears are bro - ken, At this  
 with your pow'r. You, the hope of all the na - tions, Be ex -



fall in - to the sea, Rock se - cure, Ev - er  
 stead - y like a beam. Na - tions rage, Wars to  
 voice the world takes heed. Come, O Lord, Break the  
 alt - ed in this hour. God Most High, Lest we



sure Through all tu - mult you en - dure.  
 wage. God will still pro - tect this age.  
 sword. Bring us peace as your re - ward.  
 die, Give us hope and hear our cry.

## Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat optional*

**GOSPEL:**

The holy gospel according to John, **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

<sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW ELW 798 WILL YOU COME & FOLLOW ME**

## Will You Come and Follow Me

### *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



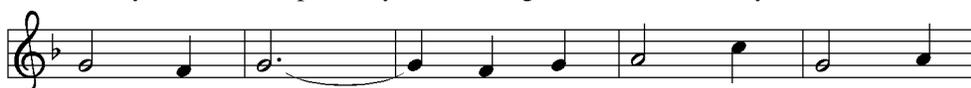
your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present the following individuals who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Avery Elisabeth Bechler

Kevin Joseph DeGroot

Zach Robert DeGroot

Benjamin Paul Gablenz

Joseph Peter Gola

Benjamin Paul Huffman

Sydney Marie Huffman

Margaret Ann O'Reilly

Samantha Yishu Poray

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,  
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. I invite the whole assembly to respond.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word  
and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands I invite you to come forward one by one to say your response, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? Please respond. We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Avery Elisabeth Bechler: Joshua 1:9

Kevin Joseph DeGroot: John 3:16

Zach Robert DeGroot: Exodus 7:12

Benjamin Paul Gablenz : Joshua 1:9

Joseph Peter Gola: Peter 5:7

Benjamin David Huffman: Acts 13:38-39

Sydney Marie Huffman: Philippians 4:13

Margaret Ann O'Reilly: John 10:13

Samantha Yishu Poray: 1 Peter: 4:9

Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please respond "Hear our prayer" after I say "Lord, in your mercy".

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

### **OFFERING - TRUMPET DUET ROMAN**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
 You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
 Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
 nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
 and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
 through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

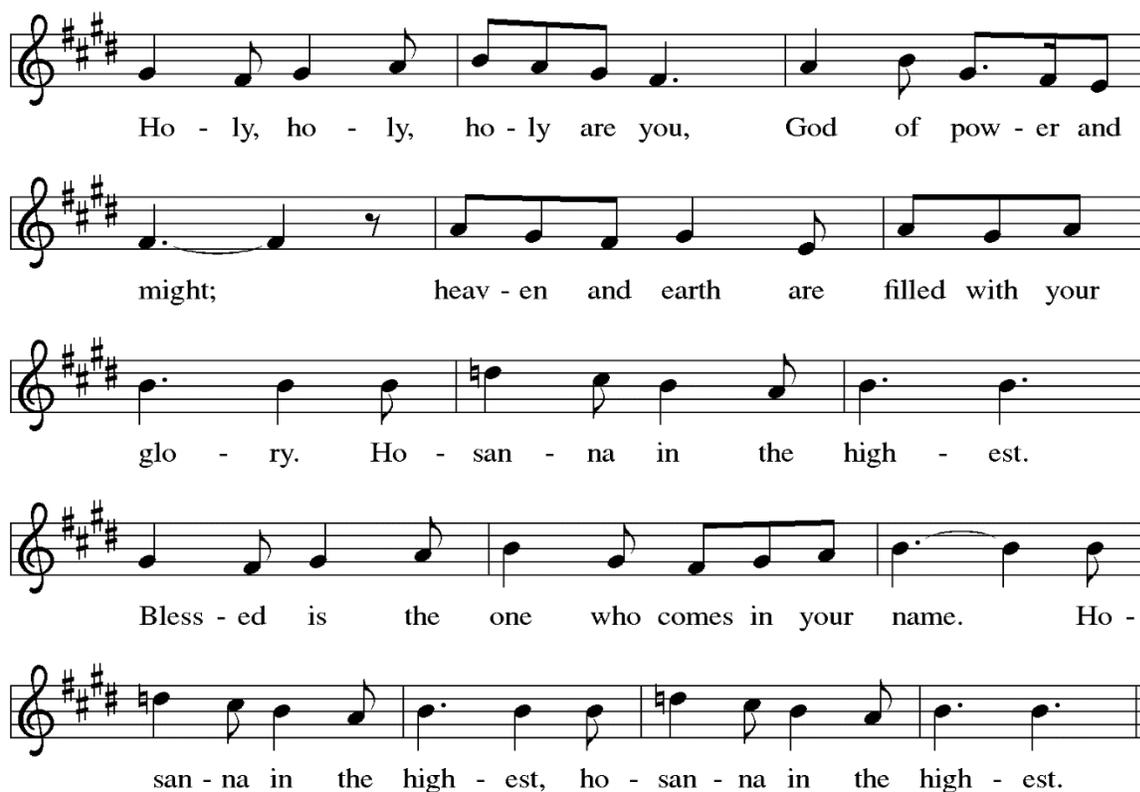
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN: ELW 543 GO, MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING**

**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."

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**Eucharistic Words**

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: ELW 504 A MIGHTY FORTRESS**

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



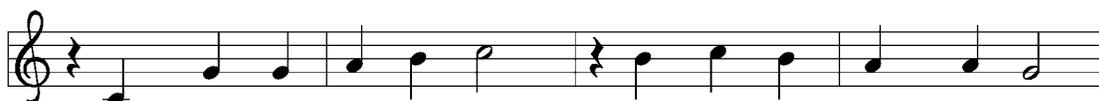
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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!

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: THE REJOICING—TRUMPETS & ORGAN**

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