

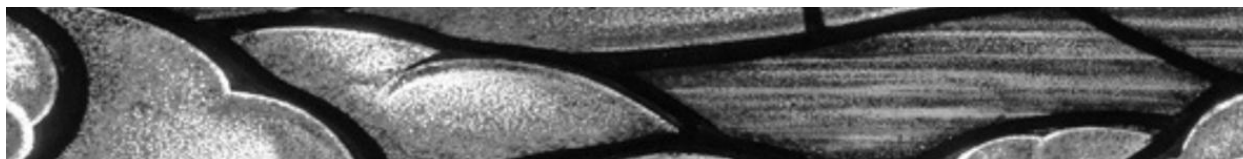
TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Gathering Hour: Holy Eucharist Rite II (EOW)
Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025 at 12 p.m.



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WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children

We love children in church! Activity bags may be found at the bell tower entrance and library vestibule. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education

Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connected

Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
Gathering Hour

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I'M NEW!

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Announcements: Sept. 14, 2025

TODAY: In recognition of **Holy Cross Day**, clergy will be blessing your personal religious jewelry and rosaries during the liturgy. Please place your items on the tray by the piano before worship begins. Be sure to pick up your items from the same place at the end of service!

TODAY: Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m. Welcome Back Father Robert! We'll gather in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, and an update from Father Robert about his sabbatical.

TODAY: College students are invited to the Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club meeting at 10:45 a.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room. Email a.moeser@tcu.edu to learn more.

Worship and prayer on Wednesdays: Join us onsite and online for Morning Prayer in the Chapel every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayer is moving to Wednesdays at 12 p.m. Join parishioner Emily Williams in the Chapel to refresh your spirit with prayer.

Women of Trinity will host a Welcome Back Salad Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a salad, bread, crackers, or dessert to share. To learn more contact Loraine Chance, cell: 407-491-7396 or email women@fortworthtrinity.org.

Connect Sunday is Sept. 21 with displays in the Parish Hall highlighting Trinity's many ministry groups. Email smartinez@fortworthtrinity.org to reserve space.

Are you **seeking spiritual enrichment**? Small groups are forming this fall where you can go deeper into devotional studies in a supportive, safe space. Learn more on Connect Sunday and/or email bbhuber@aol.com.

The next session of **Making Art as Prayer** is Monday, Sept. 22 starting at 10 a.m. in the Lounge. Bring your own art supplies of any medium and a brown-bag lunch. At noon, we will share our work with each other.

Bible Basics is back in session on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge. Parishioner Bev Huber will discuss how you can get more from the Bible through spiritual formation groups. Oct. 5 & 12 (in the Large Conference Room) is a two-part series on Biblical Hermeneutics. Oct. 19 & 26 tackles Biblical Canon. These sessions will be led by Darren Elzie and Sarah Martinez.

Peace & Justice Ministry Group will catch up with Father Robert and learn about his Civil Rights Pilgrimage on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Animals happens on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. on the front lawn. Bring your animal companion (in a crate or on a leash) for a blessing!

Join us for our 5th annual **Golf Tournament** on Monday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at Hawks Creek Golf Club (6520 White Settlement Rd, Westworth Village, 76114). The fun begins with a hamburger lunch followed by a four-player scramble tournament. Registration for a team of four is \$500, or \$125 for single golfers. Scan the QR code below for more details!



Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Glorious things of thee are spoken* (Abbot's Leigh) (H 523)

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment line with two staves (Right and Left Hand). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found-ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

Glo - ri - a Glo - ri - a Glo - ria - a in ex -

6
cell - sis De - o Glo - ri - a Glo - ri - a Glo - ry to God in the high - est and

11
2nd time: FINE
peace to all peo - ple on earth. Lord God hea - ven - ly King Al - migh - ty God most

16
ho - ly We wor - ship you we give you thanks we praise you for your glo - ry!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²²“For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.”

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;

and to the heavens, and they had no light.
²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
 and all the hills moved to and fro.
²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
 and all the birds of the air had fled.
²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
 and all its cities were laid in ruins
 before the LORD, before his fierce anger.
²⁷For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn,
 and the heavens above grow black;
 for I have spoken, I have purposed;
 I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 14

Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

¹**The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." ***
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
²**The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, ***
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
³**Everyone has proved faithless;**
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
⁴**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers ***
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?
⁵**See how they tremble with fear, ***
because God is in the company of the righteous.
⁶**Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, ***
but the LORD is their refuge.
⁷**Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! ***
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is

sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

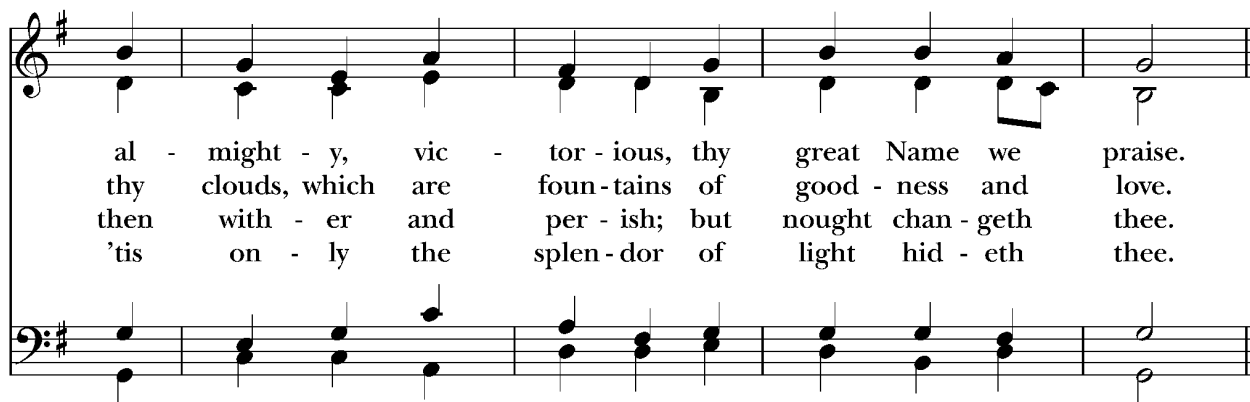
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SEQUENCE HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (St. Denio) (H 423)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10 *All stand.*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Patient and Gracious Lord, enter our hearts and move our desires to your glory as we say, Loving God, hear our prayer.

May your church always be a place of refuge and renewal, a place for the healing of lost and wounded souls. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that Christian freedom is freedom from fear, from anxiety, from hate, and embolden us in our civic lives that we might build a nation of peace, justice, and mercy. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

You created us so that we might be your partners in sustaining the abundance of creation. Grant us wisdom and a sense of urgency in addressing our environmental and climate challenges. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our parish, embolden us to share your glory in every part of our lives that the Good News of Christ might be known to all who know us. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and strength to all who suffer and let us be healers and comforters to those in need. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace the dying, usher them into your eternal care and grant us an entrance into your light and love at our last day. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

You have worked from the beginning to urge us onto the path of abundant life, continue to show guide us on the Way and welcome us back whenever we stray. Through Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign, forever and always. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit fortworthtrinity.org to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & ANTHEM *Sweet Deliverance*

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by 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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven

Hal-low-ed be your name. Your king-dom

come. Your will be done on earth as in

hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly

bread for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from e - vil

for the king - dom the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sa - cri - ficed for us There - fore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* (LEVAS 101)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Come home,
Ye who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing for you and for me;
Shadows are gathering, death beds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.

Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (LEVAS 196)

Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**