

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BOISE, IDAHO

First Sunday after Easter

April 7, 2024



**Prelude**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** -from Mary Rickerd

The Risen Lord said, “Thomas you believe in me because you have seen me.

Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe.”

The evidence of Jesus’ resurrection is revealed to us that we may be bold in our belief.

Lord give us faith.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Leader:** I welcome you to King of Glory. May this service be a blessing as we listen to the Word, sing God’s praises and focus on God as we pray. Welcome!

**Welcome**

We welcome those in our balcony joining by Live Stream or watching a recording. You are important to us and you are a wonderful part of our worship experience.

Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, a bulletin from our website, [KOGlutheran.org](http://KOGlutheran.org), some celebratory food like wine/juice and some bread and a lit candle, etc. for communion later on in this service.

If you have a prayer request please put it in the chat. We are grateful that you are worshipping with us.

**Announcements**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Loving God, we confess that we can not share in the joy of the resurrection because we are caught in the worries of the world. We grumble and are anxious about many things. Forgive us when it is easier to worry and complain than to accept the joy of the gift of life. Call us to Your ways of hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Christ is Risen! Thomas no longer doubts but cries out, "My Lord and My God!" We too have seen Christ in helping hands, and choices that restore life.

God loves you and desires great joy for you. Accept your pardon.

Celebrate the new life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

As brothers and sisters, let us walk forward together on this journey of faith. Amen.

(Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, edited by Mary Rickerd.)



*Refrain*  
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

### **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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray,

Risen Christ, we have hidden ourselves in locked rooms and behind barriers. Send your Living Word through the locked doors of our hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace. By the power of your Spirit may we be transformed through the Gospel. **AMEN** (Mary Rickerd)

 **Hymn of Praise**      **Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**      **ELW #364 (v2)**

2. For three long days, the grave did its worst un-til its strength by

7 God was dis - persed. He who gives live did death un - der - go,

13 and in its con - quest his might did \_\_\_\_\_ Let us sing

18 praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

25 Our sin for - giv - en, al - le - lu - ia! Je-sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

**First Lesson**

**Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 133      The Unity Psalm

Chorus: Be - hold how pleas - ant \_\_\_\_\_ it is when all the par - ents \_\_\_\_\_ and

1. It's like the pre - cious oil that's flow - ing down the front of Aar - on's

2. For there we heard a won - drouw word, the word was spo - ken by the

5 kids live in har - mo - ny

robe:  
Lord:

9 Be - hold how pleas - ant \_\_\_\_\_ it is when all the par - ents \_\_\_\_\_ and  
It's like the ear - ly morn - ing dew that is sur - round - ing me and  
The bless - ing spo - ken by the Lord that we should live for - ev - er -

13 kids live in har - mon - y

you:  
more:

### Second Lesson      1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus God's Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, the Holy One who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous, <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord

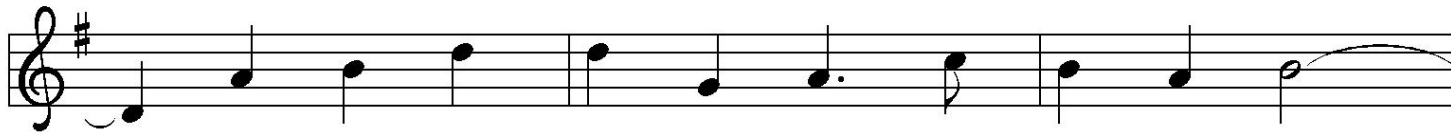
Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation: We Know That Christ Is Raised ELW # 449 (v1)**

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

**Gospel Reading John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### Kids Message -Mary Rickerd

### Sermon "You've Got To See This!" -Mary Rickerd

### Hymn of the Day      **We Walk By Faith**      **ELW# 635 (v1)**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.



**THE CREED -suggested by Mary Rickerd (Luther's Small Catechism - The Second Article: On Redemption)**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Creator in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. Jesus has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. Jesus has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live with him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as Jesus is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true. **AMEN**

**Intercessory Prayers**

Let us pray,

Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings with one voice, calling out the good news: Alleluia!  
**Jesus Christ is alive and with us today.**

*A brief silence.*

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive and with us today!

Unite us in the shared calling that proclaims the Gospel of one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Endow Bishop Elizabeth and Bishop Meggan with your Spirit of leadership and compassion.

Empower each of us to be bold witnesses of the mystery of the resurrection and its power in our lives.

**The tomb stands empty! We look for our Savior among the living.**

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive and with us today!

We pray for the well-being of creation.

Open our eyes to the first fruits of new life around us.

Renew your creation with seasonable weather and growth.

Give us wisdom to develop sustainable farming and housing practices.

Slow down our rush to consume.

**The tomb stands empty! We look for our Savior among the living.**

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive and with us today!

We pray for:

The victims of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore and for all organizations offering services and support;

Places and peoples in the world where death and domination rule, especially Haiti, Ukraine, Gaza and Palestine;

Places where imperial powers ignore the poor, and war never ends;

Where children are hungry and parents grieve because they cannot provide.

Protect refugees who must leave their homes.

Lead them to safe communities where they will be greeted with hospitality and support to begin new lives.

Forgive us for actions, deliberate and naïve, which cause wounds of racism and prejudice.

Remind us to recognize the dignity of all persons.

Lead us to solutions that heal divisions.

Channel the deliberations of Congress:

Guide elected officials to act on key issues that are important for the welfare of all.

**The tomb stands empty! We look for our Savior among the living.**

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive and with us today!

In the power of Christ's name we are healed.

We pray for all who cannot access or afford health care.

Console all who are in despair over their lives:

Those who may be stressed with the breakdown of relationships, unable to see hope of new beginnings for themselves.

Befriend the lonely.

Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect.

For victims of gun violence, for communities, and those terrorized by violent acts;

For those who commit acts of violence;

Embolden us to do what is necessary to turn the tide of violence so that Your peace can be experienced by all.

**The tomb stands empty! We look for our Savior among the living.**

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive and with us today!

We pray for this assembly.

Startle the faithful gathered here with your risen presence.

Like Thomas, may we see and believe that the tomb really is empty!

Walk and talk with us about the promise of new life.

**The tomb stands empty! We look for our Savior among the living.**

We pray, loving God, for the desires of our hearts--

***(Keep five seconds of silence--)***

O God, grant us peace.

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive and with us today!

We remember, with thanksgiving, the faithful departed.

Powered by their witness, we stand firm in our hope of the Easter promise of resurrection and life.

**The tomb stands empty! We look for our Savior among the living.**

In the joy and hope of this Easter season, we sing Alleluia and offer our prayers in the name of the Risen Christ our Savior and Friend.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**AMEN** (Mary Rickerd)

### Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Offering** Choir Anthem:

 **Offering Song** The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing ELW #531 (vs 2) 2x

2. Tab-les are la - den with good things oh, — taste the peace and joy — he brings.

5 He'll fill you up with love div - ine; he'll — turn your wa - ter in - to wine.

9 Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

13 Take your place at the tab - le of — the King. the — feast is read - y to — be - gin.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray,

Holy God, we identify with Thomas's doubt. Our eyes have been opened to the risen body of Christ that can't be confined by walls. As we bring our gifts to you, we affirm the Resurrection power. We have seen, and we say again, "Alleluia!" In the powerful name of Jesus. **Amen.** (Mary Rickerd)

(Congregation rises)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

Jesus, we are grateful for this meal and those around the world who are eating this same meal as their spiritual practice to remember what you did for us. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask you to bless this bread and wine. We share them together with all the Churches on earth and all the saints.

*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  
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 in remembrance of me.*

God, you have reached out to us in this meal.

You have refreshed us at your table.

You supply our deepest needs.

Your love knows no boundaries.

You provide us with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ.

May we become bread and peace for one another and for the world. **AMEN**

(Flames of the Spirit pg. 105-6, edited by Connie Winter-Eulberg)

**Holy Holy** TFBF Setting 1 "River of Life"


Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

**Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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 and the power and the glory  
are yours,  
now and forever. AMEN

**Notre Pere**

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme  
au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce  
jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui  
nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,  
la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des  
siècles. Amen

**Invitation to the Table**

**Pastor:** This is the meal. It is for all people.

Communion of the people

*(There are two communion stations on either side of the baptismal font where you will receive bread. Then you can go to the right or to the left to receive wine/juice in an individual cup. You then place your empty cup in the basket by the wine/juice station.) (If gluten free please ask for a GF wafer)*

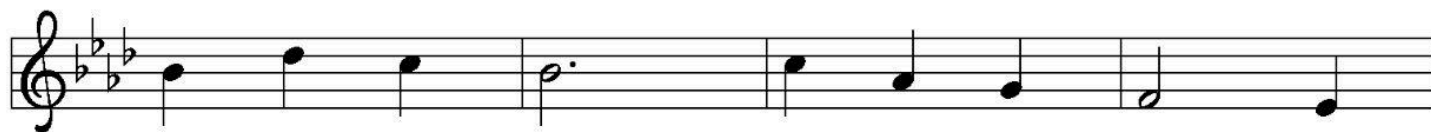
 **Communion Hymn** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW #377



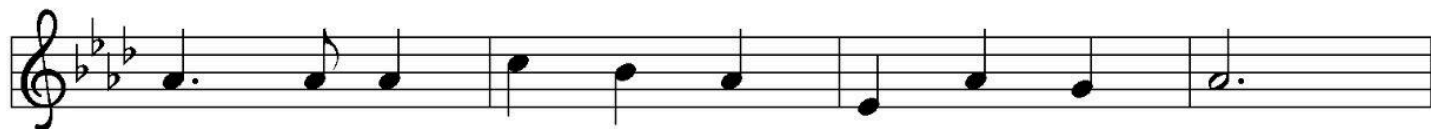
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

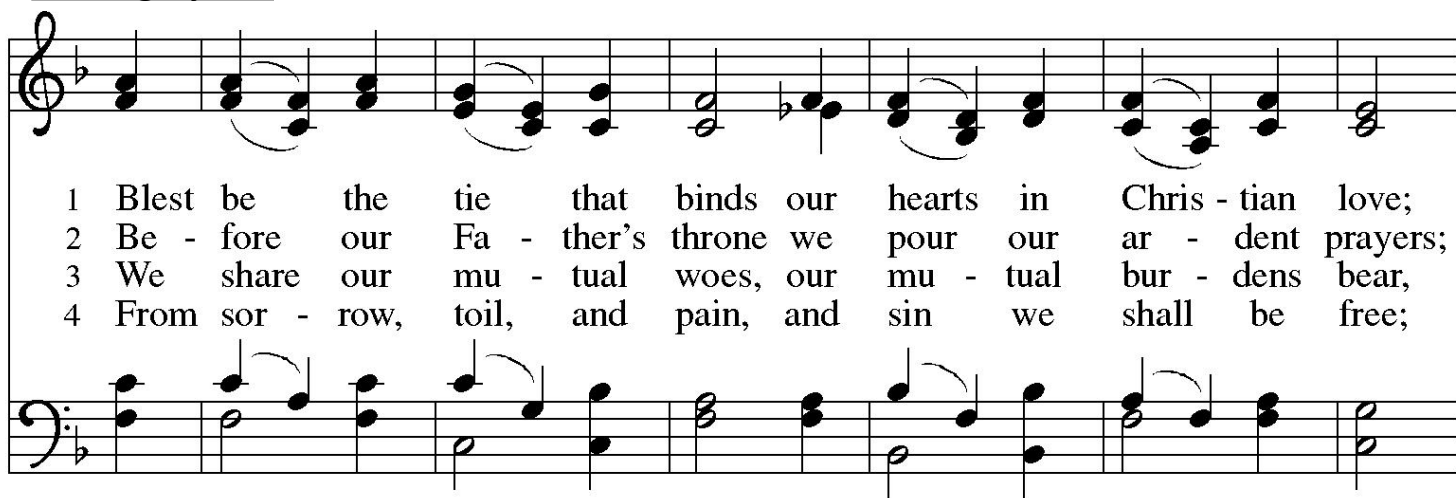
**Blessing:** May this meal bring us closer to you, Jesus, and may this meal nourish our souls. **AMEN**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

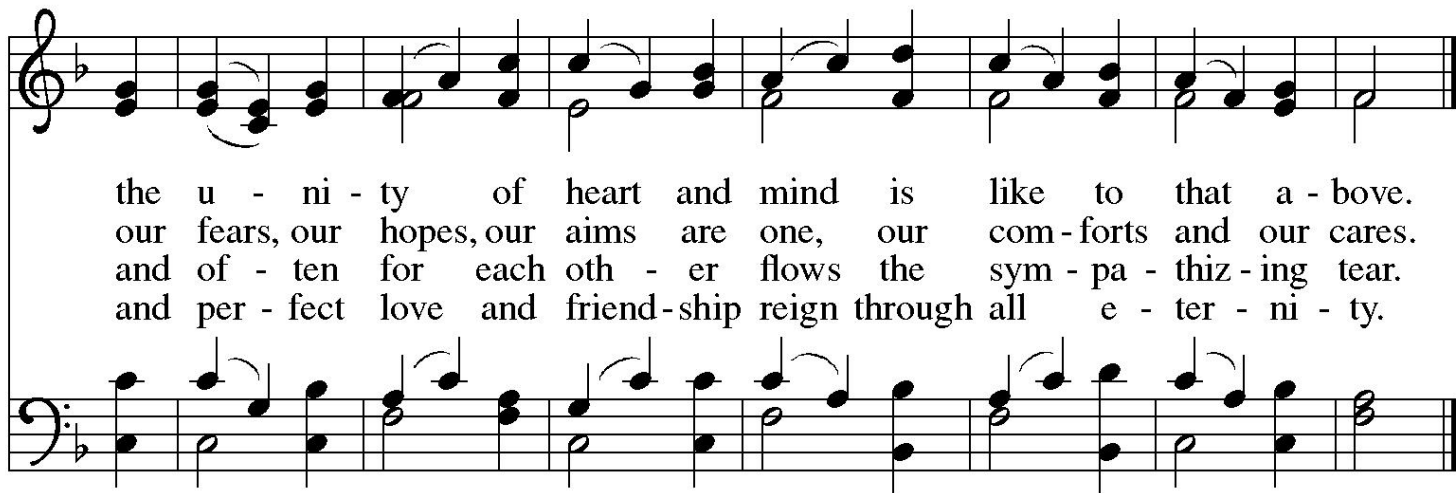
Let us pray,

Lord of Resurrection Surprises and Host of this Meal, open our hearts today to Your presence. As we have now been nourished by the bread and wine of this banquet erase our excuses for unbelief. Replace these excuses with a strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Challenge us to walk the path of discipleship. Yes! We accept Your promise that you are walking with us. **AMEN** (Mary Rickerd)

 **Sending Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW #656**



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



**BENEDICTION**

Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called your name. You are mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.

When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—

Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

(Based on Isaiah 43 from the New Living Translation and The Message)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**French:** Allez en paix. Servez le Seigneur. **Dieu soit loué.**

**Postlude**

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