

Morning Prayer

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Prelude

Song of May, Joseph Jongen

*The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.*

Hymn 518

Westminster Abbey

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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The service begins with the Easter greeting and one or more of sentences of Scripture.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

In the Easter season, the Confession of Sin is omitted in celebration of our freedom from the bondage of sin brought about through Christ's resurrection.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Book of Common Prayer, page 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory:

Pascha nostrum

S 49, John Hindle

- 1 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. *
- Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been 'sacrificed for' us; *
- therefore 'let us' keep the 'feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of 'malice and 'evil, *
- but with the unleavened 'bread of 'sin 'cerity and 'truth.
- 4 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. *
- Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will 'never die a' gain; *
- death no 'longer has do' minion' over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, 'once for' all; *
- but the life he 'lives, he 'lives to 'God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves 'dead to 'sin, *
- and alive to God in 'Jesus' Christ our 'Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. *
- Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.
- 9 Christ has been 'raised from the 'dead, *
- the first fruits of 'those who have 'fallen a' sleep.
- 10 For since by a 'man came 'death, *
- by a man has come also the resur'rection' of the 'dead.
- 11 For as in 'Adam all 'die, *
- so also in Christ shall 'all be 'made a' live.
- 12 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. *
- Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and 'to the 'Son, *

and 'to the 'Holy 'Spirit:

As it was in the be'ginning, is 'now, *

and 'will be for 'ever. A' men.

Alleluia, 'alle' luia. *

Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.

Music: John Hindle (1761-1796).

The people are seated.

Anthem (St. Cecilia Choir)

All Things Bright and Beautiful, John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. *All things bright and beautiful...* He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *All things bright and beautiful...*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, ***
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, ***
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; ***
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es

BCP, page 93

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

A reading from the Revelation to John

21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Canticle:

Benedictus es, Domine

Martin Shaw

Blessed art Thou, O Lord of our fathers: praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou for the Name of thy Majesty: praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy holiness: praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubin:
praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art Thou on the glorious throne of Thy
kingdom: praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art Thou in the firmament of
Heaven: praised and exalted above all for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The people are seated for all readings at Morning Prayer.

A reading from the Gospel of John

5:1-9

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 292

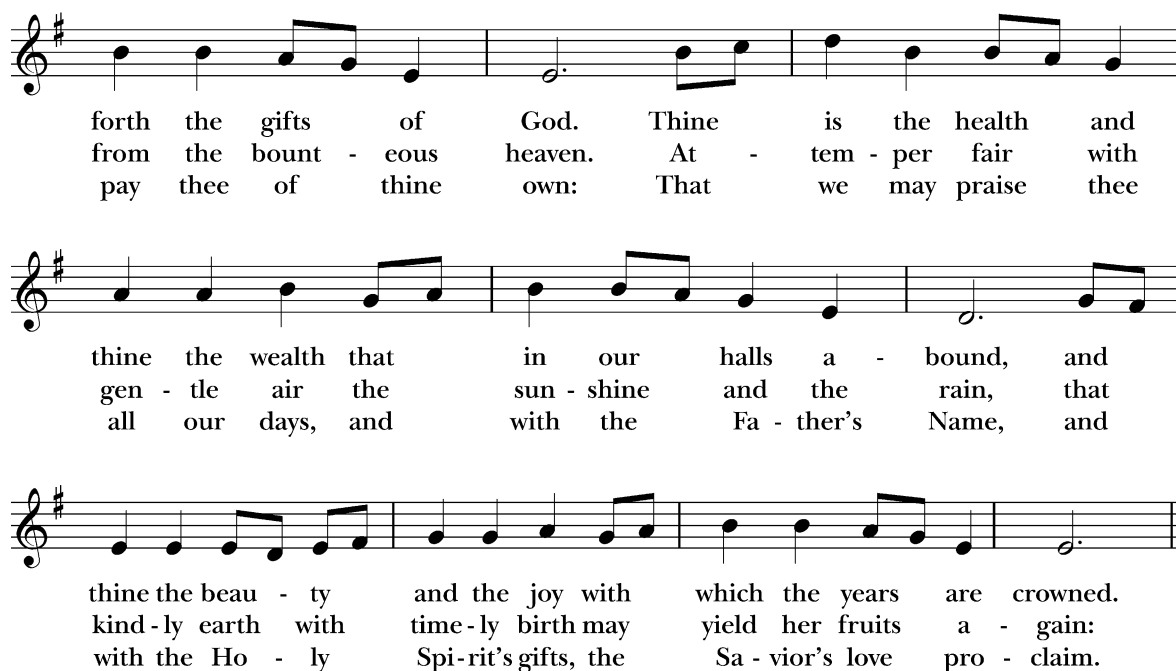
Kingsfold



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bounteous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

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The Sermon

Mr. Bob Litsinger

The Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer, page 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects

Book of Common Prayer, page 98-101

The Collect of the Day

(BCP page 225)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

Then the Officiant says to the people:

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation*

At 8 a.m. there is a collection plate near the entrance to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering.

At 10 a.m., a collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

Or, at either service, scan the QR code to make a gift electronically.



Offertory Anthem

Praise to the Lord, Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Gather ye round, let us make music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth; Hast thou not seen, how thy heart's wishes have been granted in what he ordaineth? Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Gather ye round, let us make music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS AND SENDING FORTH

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, page 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

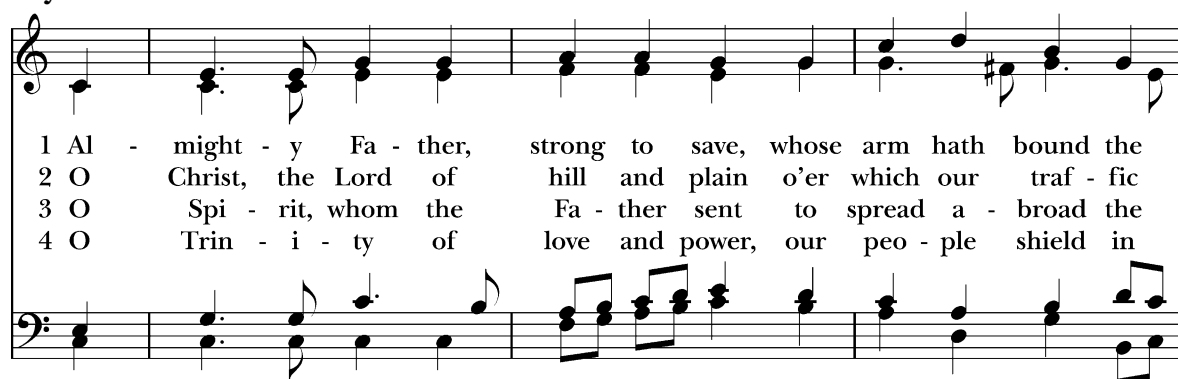
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Benediction

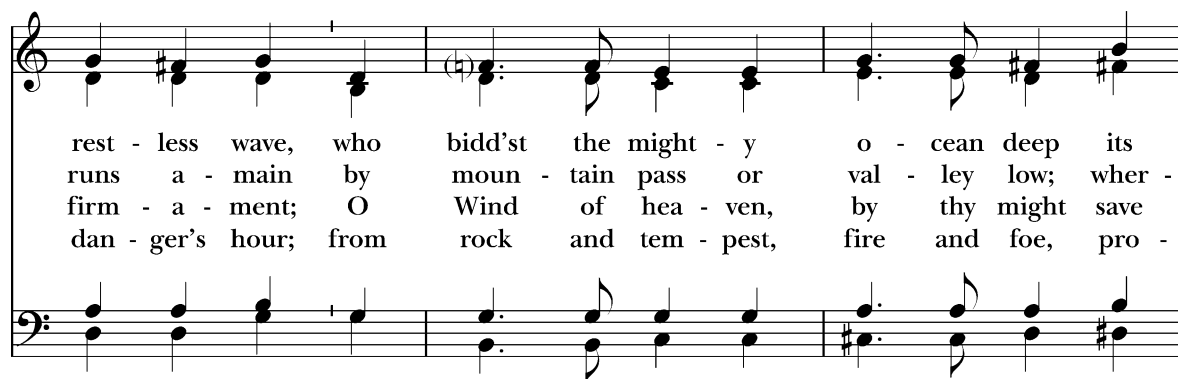
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21

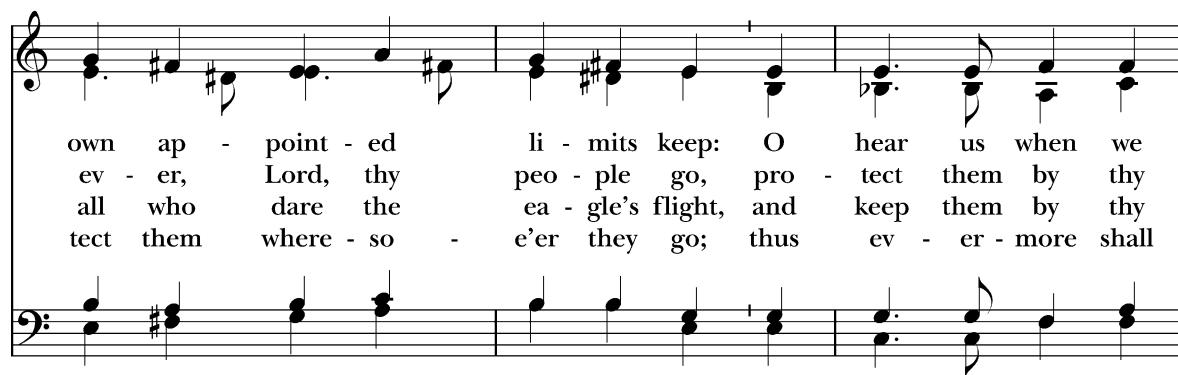
Hymn 579

Melita


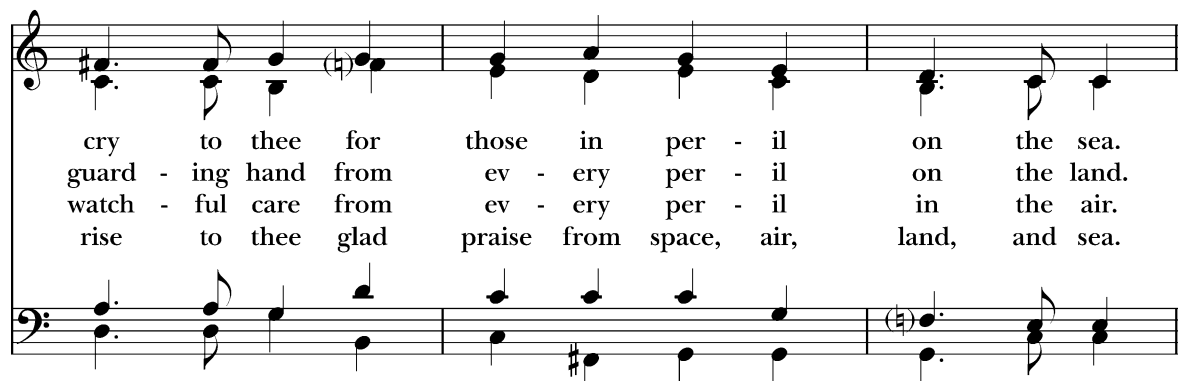
1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

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The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D Major, Craig Sellar Lang



*The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory
of Sergeant William E. Thompson Jr., US Air Force, and William E. Thompson III, CRNA*

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Wendy Carber, Priscilla Knapp, Gayle Celentano, Inez Tokashiki, *Altar Guild*
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