

# Holy Communion

March 7, 2018 - 11:15 a.m.

Third week of Lent

International Women's Day, observed

Lutheran Center Chapel

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Thank you for serving as a worship leader at the Lutheran Center Chapel. Please read through this leader's edition of the liturgy and call with any questions. A bound copy of this leader's edition is provided for you at the time of the service. Plan to arrive at the chapel by 10:50 a.m. to walk through the service, check microphones and to vest (Presider/Preacher/Assisting Minister).

**Presiding Minister / Preacher**– After the prelude, welcome everyone to chapel and ask for visitors and new staff to be introduced. Due to the nature and time constraints of our abbreviated midweek service, plan your sermon to be no longer than 5 to 7 minutes in length. Keep in mind our desire for inclusive language and our ecumenical multicultural community when preparing the sermon. Typically, the readings for Wednesday relate to and reflect on the previous Sunday's readings unless otherwise noted. An alb, stole and chasuble are provided for you to wear. **The Presiding Minister may choose to sing or speak Great Thanksgiving dialogue and preface. It is preferable that either both parts are sung, or both spoken.** If you have questions or wish to practice prior to the day, please contact John Weit.

**Assisting Minister** - Assist the assembly and presiding minister. Hold the presider's book, turn pages, etc., for the presiding minister. Lead the prayers which are provided by the worship staff. Set the table. Distribute wine with along the communion minister. An alb is provided for you to wear.

**Reader / Communion Minister** –Read using the Lectionary book at the ambo. Be sure to include the introduction and conclusion as printed so the assembly may respond to the reading. Distribute wine along with the assisting minister. The reader wears street clothes.

Communion Distribution – The presider stands in front of the altar to serve bread and offer gluten-free wafers if requested. The communion ministers stand on either side of the altar to serve wine and offer grape juice if requested.

**Hospitality** – Please plan to arrive by 11:00 a.m., if the candles are not lit, please do so. At 11:05, be stationed at the doors near the cart to greet those coming to worship, providing a hymnal and worship folder. As the worship begins, sit near the doorway to invite people in after worship has begun. When Worship is over, assist the assembly in returning hymnals to the cart. Worship folders may be discarded in the Sacristy recycling bin. The hymnal rack is returned to the Sacristy.

Thank you again. May God bless you in your preparation.

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# Gathering

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*The ministers are seated before the prelude.*

*Lenten Wailing Wall: Throughout the season of Lent, a wall has been constructed in the chapel. You are invited to write, draw, or silently add your prayers. You may do this anytime during the week, including during worship today, especially during the prelude, during the prayers of intercession or after you receive communion.*

Prelude

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth, David Cherwien

**Presiding Minister (Microphone on)**

*The presiding minister welcomes everyone to the Lutheran Center Chapel.  
Ask if there are any guests to be introduced.*

*Invite the assembly to stand for confession.*

Confession and Forgiveness

*This confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection.  
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Presiding Minister (Microphone on)**

**Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Source of all life, the Word embodied in Jesus, the Spirit making us whole.**

Amen.

**God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

**With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.**

*An extended silence may be kept.*

**Merciful God,**

forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

Set us free, O God.

*Silence.*

**From powers and systems that restrict our understanding of gender,**  
set us free, O God.

**From policies and teachings that devalue and disregard human bodies,**  
set us free, O God.

**From scriptural interpretations that reinforce gender stereotypes,**  
set us free, O God.

**From all forms of control, abuse, and violence based on gender,**  
set us free, O God.

*Silence.*

**For the wrong we have done,**  
for the good we have failed to do,  
have mercy on us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**People of God, look to the + Son,**  
**given to heal you and set you free**  
**because God loved the world so much.**  
**Take hold of life—eternal life!**  
Amen.

*(Microphone off)*

# Gathering Song

# Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth, ELW #735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

*The assembly stands.*

*Presiding Minister (Microphone on)*

**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.

**Let us pray.**

*pause.*

**Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and  
act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace,  
and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

*(Microphone off)*

# Word

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*The reader moves to the ambo. Read from the lectionary book on the ambo. Use the introduction and conclusion as printed to allow the congregation to respond confidently.*

Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 19

*The refrain is first sung by a soloist then repeated by the assembly.*

*The soloist sings the verses and the assembly responds with the refrain.*

*The assembly stands on the final refrain to welcome the gospel.*

The stat - utes of the LORD are just and re - joice the heart; the com -

mand - ment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

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- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **Refrain**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **Refrain**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. **Stand for final Refrain**

*Read from the lectionary book on the ambo.*

**Preaching Minister** (*Use microphone on ambo*)

**The holy gospel according to John.**

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**The gospel of the Lord.**

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*A bell will be rung to begin and end the time of silence. (~60 seconds)*

*Wait for the second bell before standing for the creed.*

Creed

*The assembly stands.*

Presiding Minister (*Microphone on*)

**With the whole church, let us confess our faith.**

(*Microphone off*)

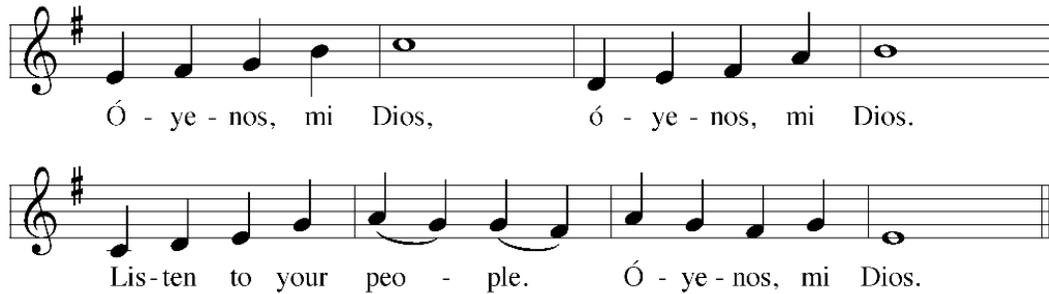
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers are led by the assisting minister; the presiding minister holds the binder.  
The response is sung at the beginning and throughout the prayers.*



Ó - ye - nos, mi Dios,      ó - ye - nos, mi Dios.  
Lis - ten to your peo - ple.      Ó - ye - nos, mi Dios.

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### Assisting Minister (*Microphone on*)

**Renewed in the promises of baptism,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.**

**We pray for the church.  
Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross.  
Unite us as one body in Christ.  
Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice and greed,  
demonstrating with our words and bodies the love of Jesus.**

**In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...**

**We pray for the United Church of Christ;  
for the ELCA, the Churchwide staff,  
and our presiding bishop, Elizabeth;  
for the people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,  
their bishop, Katherine,  
their pastors and deacons and their partners in ministry:  
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-  
Eastern & Coastal Diocese**

**In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...**

**We pray for the nations.  
Teach us to honor one another as you command.  
Protect refugees and immigrants fleeing from their homes in search  
of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peacekeepers, and all who  
work toward reconciliation and justice.**

**In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...**

**We pray for those in need.  
For those who lack what they need for daily life.  
For people whose lives are consumed by their possessions.  
For those who grieve, and for all who are ill.**  
In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...

**We pray for all teachers of the faith,  
for our grandmothers and mothers,  
Sunday School Teachers, church musicians and Pastors  
who showed us the love of Christ,  
for those women who have died for their faith,  
for those women whom we name aloud now**  
*... silence for names to be spoken ...*

**For the voices of women –  
voices of lament and frustration,  
joy and challenge,  
truth and clarity in our call to work for justice and peace.**  
In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...

**For what else do we pray or give thanks?**  
*... silence for petitions to be spoken ...*  
**For the prayers we offer in the silence of our hearts.**  
In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...

**We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us.  
Inspire us by their witness and example.  
Bring us with them into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord**  
In prayer, we sing: Óyenos, mi Dios ...

*The presiding minister hands the binder back to the assisting minister.*

**Presiding Minister (*Microphone on*)**

**Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God,  
we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Peace

Presiding Minister:

**The peace Christ be with you always.** And also with you.

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*(Microphones off)*

*After sharing the peace, the assembly remains standing to sing.*

*The assisting minister sets the table.*

# Meal

## Setting the Table

God the Sculptor of the Mountains, ELW #736

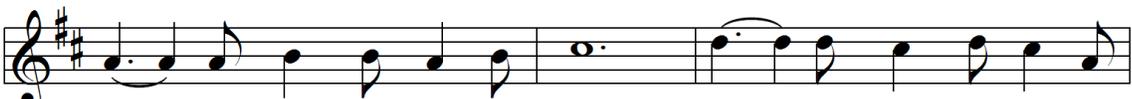
*The presiding and assisting ministers move to the table as the song concludes.*



God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the mill - er of the  
God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh, God the cleav - er of the  
God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the  
God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter - mined



sand, God the jewel - er of the heavn - ens,  
sea, God the pil - lar of the dark - ness,  
wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,  
youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,



God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of all cre -  
God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of all de -  
God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - 'ry  
God the re - sur - rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent ev - 'ry

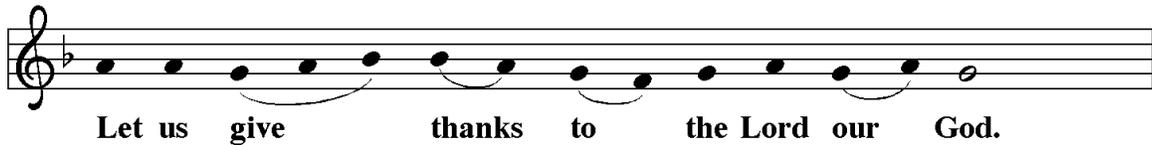
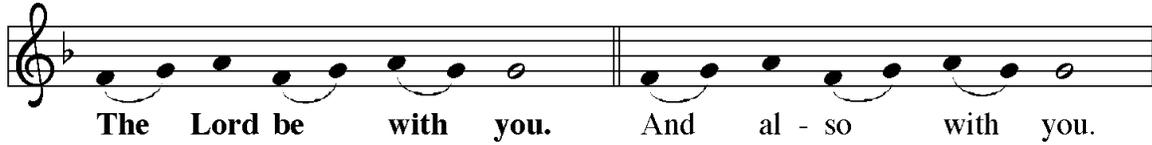


a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
liv - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

# Great Thanksgiving

*Note the dialogue and preface (next page) may be sung or spoken. It is preferable that both parts are sung in their entirety or spoken in their entirety.*

## Presiding Minister (*Microphone on if speaking*)



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the

pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,

we may come to the full - ness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are 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.

**Presiding Minister (*Microphone on*)**

**O God, Creator of our wilderness world,  
 O God, Savior of the lost,  
 O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,  
 we give you thanks for your everlasting might;  
 we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.**

**For forty days you cleansed the earth  
 with the waters of the flood.**

**For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.  
 For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.  
 We praise you, O God: we praise you, O God.**

**You became truly human in Jesus our brother.  
 For forty days, with fasting and prayer,  
 he renounced the power of the devil.**

**On the night before he died he 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.**

**We extol his life. Amen: Amen.**

**We lament his death. Amen: Amen.**

**We celebrate his resurrection. Amen: Amen.**

**Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.  
Make this food into manna for our journey,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.  
Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.  
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.  
Save us, O God: save us, O God.**

**At the last, lead all your pilgrim people  
through our deserts to your Easter garden.**

**To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving,  
now and forever. Amen. Amen.**

**Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
Our Father in heaven . . .**

## Communion

*The presiding minister breaks the bread, then, raising the bread and cup, says:*

**Return to God with all your heart.  
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.**

***(Microphones off)***

*Commune the assembly first. Pieces of pita are broken from loaf. If gluten-free wafer is requested, pick up the paten from the altar, allow person to take their own wafer, then return paten to altar.*

*People may drink or dip the bread (intinction) in the wine. If grape juice is requested, pick up special chalice from the altar, person may drink or intinct, then return chalice to altar. \*\*Wipe and turn chalice after drinking\*\**

*The following may be sung, as time allows:*

Lamb of God, ELW pg. 201

Porque él entró en el mundo, *sung by a soloist*

Because he came into our world and story,  
because he heard our silence and our sorrow;  
because he filled the whole world  
with his glory,  
and came to light the darkness  
of our morrow;  
because his birth was in a darkened corner,  
because he lived proclaiming life and love;  
because he quickened hearts that  
had been dormant:  
so we today have hope and expectation,  
so we today can struggle with conviction,  
so we today can trust we have a future,  
so we have hope in this our world of tears.  
So we today have hope and expectation,  
so we today can struggle with conviction,  
so we today can trust we have a future,  
so we have hope.

Because he drove the merchants  
from the temple,  
denouncing evil and hypocrisy;  
because he raised up little ones and women,  
and put down all the mighty from their seats;  
because he bore the cross for our wrongdoings,  
and understood our failings and our weakness;  
because he suffered from our condemnation  
and then he died for every mortal creature:

Because of victory one morning early,  
when he defeated death and fear and sorrow,  
so nothing can hold back his mighty story  
nor his eternal kingdom tomorrow:

tr. Len Lythgoe

Prayer after Communion

*The presiding minister and assisting minister stand in front of the ambo.*

*The presiding minister holds the book as assisting minister invites the assembly to stand and leads prayer.*

*Assisting Minister (Microphone on)*

**Let us pray. . . .**

**Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

*The assisting minister takes the binder back.*

## Sending

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Blessing

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

*Presiding Minister (Microphone on)*

**May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you + peace.**

Amen.

*(Microphones off)*

# Sending Song

# Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land, ELW #333

*As the hymn concludes, the leaders move to the baptismal font.*

*Refrain – All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a

wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

Dismissal

*Assisting Minister (Microphone on)*

**Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

*(Microphones off)*

Postlude