

# Service of Holy Communion

July 3, 2022, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## PRELUDE

One Voice

Peace Medley

*My Peace* - Keith Routledge & *He is Our Peace* - Kandela Groves

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*My Country 'Tis of Thee* / Accomp - Samuel Ward/ arrg Cindy Berry

Verse 1

My country 'tis of thee

Sweet land of liberty

Of thee I sing

Land where my fathers died

Land of the pilgrims' pride

From every mountain side

Let freedom ring

Verse 2

My native country thee

Land of the noble free

Thy name I love

I love thy rocks and rills

Thy woods and templed hills

My heart with rapture thrills

Like that above

Verse 4

Our fathers' God to Thee

Author of liberty

To Thee we sing

Long may our land be bright

With freedom's holy light

Protect us by Thy might  
Great God our King

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*The assembly stands.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.  
Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING ELW #888** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* arr by Cindy Berry

1 O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:

America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

2 O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.

3 O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the  
water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

### **SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for

pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Sing Alleluia”*

Sing Alleluia to the Lord. Sing Alleluia to the Lord.

Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia to the Lord. (*repeat*)

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of

wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

It has been a tumultuous week and a half in the United States of America. Following the horrific massacre of 19 children and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, members of Congress -- both parties -- came together to pass the first federal law in decades making it harder for such shootings to occur.

The new gun legislation expands background checks for people under the age of 21 before they purchase a gun, gives money to states for mental health programs and red-flag laws, and bans "boyfriends" (or "girlfriends") who have been domestic abusers from buying firearms. Some people think this new law is a good step towards keeping Americans safe; others think it is intrusive and restricts American's rights. Which goes to the heart of the divisions that have been among us for years.

Also last week, after 50 years, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade*, which guaranteed the constitutional right of women to have abortions -- safe, legal abortions. Some people rejoiced at this decision; others wept and began protesting. This, too, goes to the heart of the divisions that have been among us for years.

Much of the debate about *Roe v Wade* revolves around the question of when life begins. Does life begin when an egg is fertilized in a woman's body? Does it begin at 24 week, when the embryo becomes "viable," more than just a mass of cells, but a somewhat formed body that could live outside the womb? Or is the fetus only a living being when it is birthed and takes its first breath? This is not a universally settled question among believers, by the way. For generations and still today, followers of Jesus have come to different conclusions about when life actually begins. We should know that.

In the months and years ahead, there are questions we, as Americans and as people of faith, will have to wrestle with, including:

Why does the burden of this decision fall only on women, even though it takes two people to create a pregnancy? (*Only the woman must deal with the physical effects of pregnancy on her body, risk medical issues caused by pregnancy, face the huge expenses involved, possibly lose her job or have to drop out of school, raise and provide for the child or give it up, and so on.*) These things are especially difficult for poor women and young women.

Will abortive treatment be available to women with ectopic pregnancies, which is when the fertilized egg implants itself outside the uterus? The egg cannot survive, so there is no chance of a baby being born, but without an abortion, the mother will die needlessly.

What if the doctor discovers the fetus has no heartbeat? Must the mother carry it to term? What if tests show the fetus is developing without a brainstem or without other vital organs? ...

If only controversial social issues were as simple as being "pro-life" or "pro-choice," "pro-guns" or "pro-gun control." But nothing is that simple. And yet, we in America remain divided -- vehemently divided -- along these lines. What are we, as people who love Jesus and seek to follow Jesus, supposed to do?

We'll start today by looking at the gospel reading for guidance.



Jesus was about to send his friends on a mission; that could be us, right? Jesus looked at them and said, "There's lots to be done. So many people need to hear the good news: that they are infinitely loved by God. They need to be caught up in God's way of life -- rejecting domination and violence and cruelty, learning to love their neighbor, to trust that God's ways will prevail, to share with others, and to rejoice in the good gifts they've received."

Quoting scripture, Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few... Go... I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves." That's us! You and me together. Jesus is sending us into the world like lambs in the midst of wolves. Like lambs in the midst of wolves.

That's just how it feels, isn't it? There is so much anger and shouting and righteous indignation in the world today, whether it's about what happened at the Capital building on January 6<sup>th</sup> and now the Congressional hearings taking place; or about the horror of 51 migrants dying in the back of an 18 wheeler here in San Antonio last week, a heartbreaking event that again raises questions about immigration; or whether it's the debate over the rights of women and their bodies versus the rights of the unborn, or the rights of people to own guns versus the rights of people to be safe from guns.

There is anger and fear and righteous-indignation stirred up in most everybody. We feel it inside us. We see it on the news and in our neighbors and our family members. It bubbles up, and threatens to boil over into yet more chaos and fighting.

It is tempting to stay indoors and yell at the television rather than engage with people who are hurting, who are scared, who are embroiled in conflict. But here is Jesus saying, "Go... I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves."

We don't get to hide behind locked doors. We are sent into the fray that is this world -- without a purse, without quick answers or easy remedies, without weapons or shields to protect us. Vulnerable. We have only what Jesus sends us with: himself and his love for us, each other (*because we go together*), a word of peace, the presence of God's kingdom within and around us, and deep trust that these are real -- more real than any earthly reality.

Think of the anger and fear in people around us and in ourselves -- parents who, whether they favor gun ownership or gun restrictions, fear they cannot keep their children safe at school;

people who are thrilled that Roe v Wade is overturned, yet in conflict with others who are angry that women have fewer reproductive choices. The inevitable head-butting between Democrats and Republicans during the January 6<sup>th</sup> hearings, and the toll that takes on us. The harvest is plentiful; people need what Jesus has to give.

You and I don't have answers for life's messy dilemmas. But we are sent as Jesus' disciples, with love for self and love for neighbor, wherever there are ongoing, important, difficult discussions and disagreements. We are sent, not to solve everything, but as representatives of God's reign, which insists that life is not only in the hands of lawmakers, politicians, and judges. Life is in God's hands. The future is in God's hands, and we've seen God's future -- resurrection, the truest life rising from the grave.

So, my friends, in these tumultuous days politically, socially, religiously.. these days of tremendous grief for the tragic loss of life in San Antonio, South Texas, the United States, Ukraine, the World... In this era, like so many eras before, of great upheaval, Jesus sends us out like lambs in the midst of wolves to address the world's pain with our own listening ears, our own beating hearts, our imperfect selves... but knowing that we go surrounding by and bringing with us the powerful, everlasting peace of God.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

#### Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony

#### Verse 2

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment

And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

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*The assembly stands.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole Church let us confess our faith.

**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 THE PEOPLE**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you, especially Thomas the Apostle, whom we remember today. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of this gathered people...

With sorrow we lift to you the loved ones of the migrants who died last week here in San Antonio, and we pray for the complete healing of those struggling to survive. Protect all migrants from the heat and from human exploitation.

We pray for Marilyn Lange's sister and brother-in-law, Annette & Charles Sheppard.

You sends us as lambs in the midst of wolves; equip us to travel lightly, not knowing where we go, but trusting you to guide us and accompany us with your peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministry of Jesus at Shepherd King. If you wish to give to Shepherd King, there is a donate button on our website - [www.skllcsa.org](http://www.skllcsa.org)

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

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

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

*Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of this congregation to receive communion; all are welcome. Individualized Communion Cups are available in the Narthex. There are Wine, Juice & Gluten Free options.*

*(Please have the bread and wine/juice ready for Holy Communion)*

## 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.**

### PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

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:

### *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

The musical score is written on four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff contains: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The third staff contains: "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fourth staff contains: "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Mighty God, throughout the ages you have delivered your people from evil and death. Be at our table now to deliver us from our wrongs, our troubles, and our pain. Pour out your Spirit on us; fill us with fire and holy breath. Put your word on our lips that we may prophesy; give us visions and dreams of your Church and your world made new. For Jesus' sake, satisfy our hunger for truth and justice, for mercy and loving-kindness, and for unity over division, as we remember...

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 in remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Take the bread and eat, this is the body of Christ, given for you. (*please consume the bread*)

Take the cup and drink, this is the blood of Christ, shed for you. (*please drink from the cup*)

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to you all; please celebrate safely, giving thanks for our freedoms and respecting the freedoms of others.

I will be away for a couple of weeks on vacation. Bible Study is taking a break until the first Tuesday in August.

The church office will be closed tomorrow to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and Thursday, July 7 because our Secretary, Courtney, will be taking a vacation day.

Please welcome our dear friend Pastor Tom Robison the next two Sunday mornings. Kindly remember that he will not be greeting folks personally. Claudia is recovering from cancer treatments and is immune compromised.



The Sunday after I return will be July 24<sup>th</sup>. That's a big day. We will be baptizing Andrew Colvin into the Body of Christ during morning worship. After worship there will be a potluck in celebration of the many years of ministry Paula (and Paul) Kummer have given, not only to Shepherd King, but to the Church as a whole. Bring a covered dish to share and come ready to thank them for who they are and all they've done.

We're glad so many of you tune in to worship with Shepherd King on Sundays. Please call us at 210-344-5881, if you're in need of prayer, a listening ear, or anything else.

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**    *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

### *Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.    *Refrain*

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**One Voice**

*Eye of the Storm* - One Voice-Ryan Stephenson & Bryan Fowler

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