

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



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9:00 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome at worship services. Please pick up a "Sunday Paper" from the ushers and some crayons. Puzzles and quiet toys are available in a basket in the rear of the church. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery.

Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Pam Oswald

Chalice: Meg Perry

Lay Reader: Morley Ewing

Intercessor & Psalmist: Joe McLean

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Acolyte: Joanne Welker

Open/Close: Downs/Grosz

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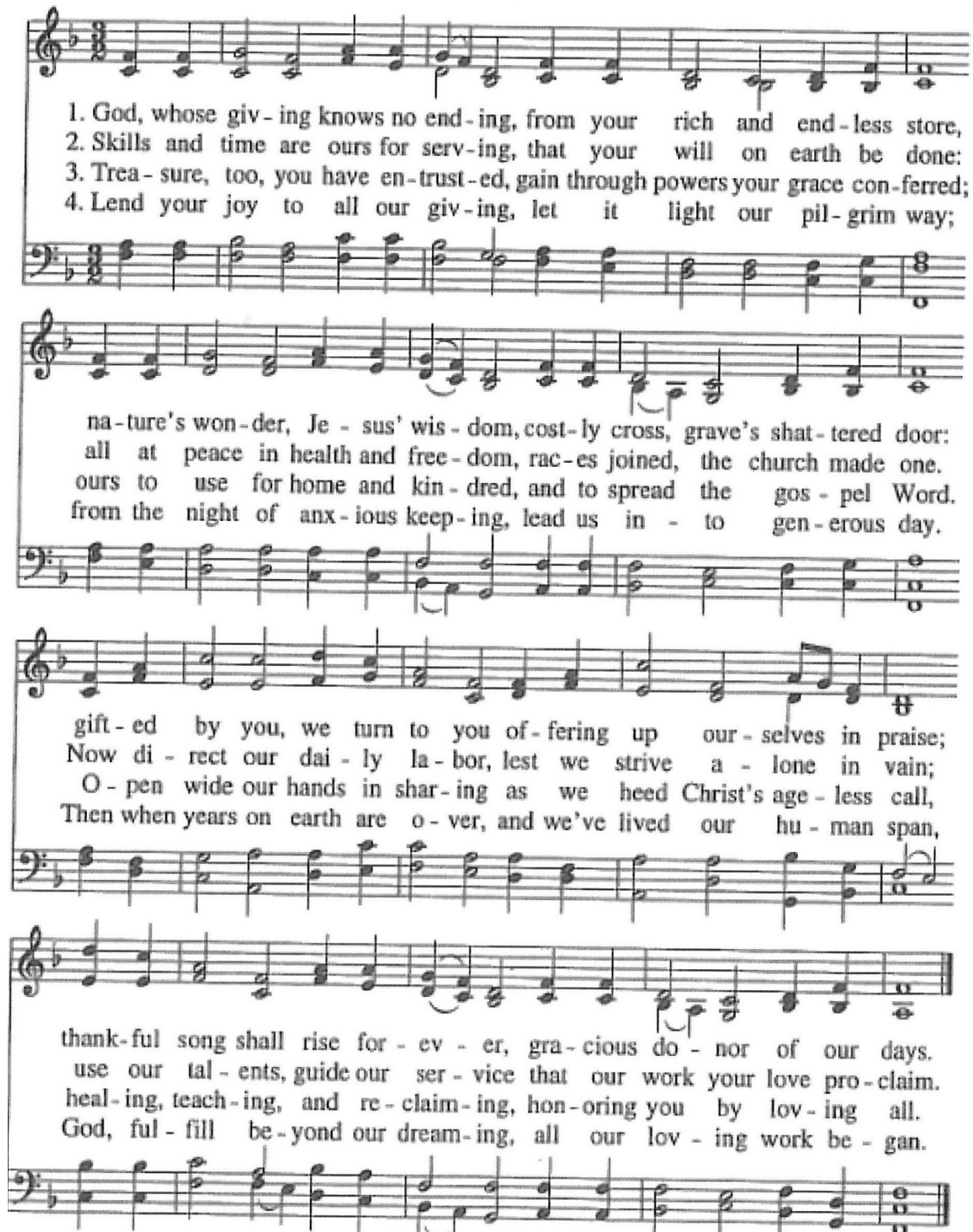
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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Opening Hymn God Whose Giving Knows no Ending



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store,
2. Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on earth be done;
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your grace con - ferred;
4. Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our pil - grim way;

na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door:
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel Word.
from the night of anx - ious keep - ing, lead us in - to gen - erous day.

gift - ed by you, we turn to you of - fering up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive a - lone in vain;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing as we heed Christ's age - less call,
Then when years on earth are o - ver, and we've lived our hu - man span,

thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
use our tal - ents, guide our ser - vice that our work your love pro - claim.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
God, ful - fill be - yond our dream - ing, all our lov - ing work be - gan.

Salutation

One: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Many: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion (repeat three times)

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

Jeremiah tells us that God, who has been faithful in leading Israel through the wilderness into a good land now calls upon the heavens to witness their foolishness as they follow the leadership of priests, rulers and prophets who willingly abandon God's life-giving water for leaky cisterns.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

1. Sing with joy to God our strength, *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
10. I am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
11. And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
12. So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
13. Oh, that my people would listen to me, *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
14. I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
15. Those who hate me would cringe before me, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
16. But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy them with honey from the rock.

This conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews provides suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel Verse and reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Verse



S 205a

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

In Luke's gospel verses, Jesus calls his followers to behave counterculturally. The world is hierarchical, with the rich and powerful at the top. The church is called to give precedence to the poor and marginalized.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence

of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Nancy Dilliplane

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Loving God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Nancy our rector, and for all
bishops and other ministers; and for the ministry of all the baptized.
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Lue Hansen, in whose memory the flowers are given today and...*The People may add their own prayers for those who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may love and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes

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

Peace

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

The Offering of our Common Lives

Offertory Hymn: Servant Song ~Richard Gillard

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, please ask the server if you desire either. You may sip from the chalice, or dip your bread using careful hands. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing, or remain seated and honor Communion in your heart.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. May this Holy Communion nourish our faith, open our eyes to your goodness, open our hearts to those in need, and strengthen us to do your will in the week ahead. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

From Enriching our Worship

One: God be with you

Many: **And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts._____

— Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name_____ of the Lord,_____

— of the Lord._____ Ho - san - na in the

high - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Grayson Brown

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Gathered as one by your Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

The 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 today 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, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
 We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

organ

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Marjorie Landmark DeLewiss

The Communion of the People

Prayer following Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Simple Gifts ~Lawrence Henry

'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
'Tis the gift to be gen-tle, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'tis the
'Tis the gift to be lov-ing, 'tis the gift best of all, Like a
gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the
gift to wake and breathe the morning air, And ev' ry day to walk in the
qui-et rain it bless-es where it falls, And if we have the gift we will
place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.
path we choose, 'Tis the gift that we pray we will never come to lose.
truly be -lieve, 'Tis bet -ter to give than it is to re -ceive.
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, to bow and to bend we will
not be a-sham'd, to turn, turn will be our de-light, 'Till by
turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

Dismissal

One: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**



*The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Lue Hansen
and all the joy she gave to all of us!*

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