

Christ the King Sunday
Nov. 20, 2022



Messiah Lutheran Church, Amherst, NH

PRELUDE — Mode de re (Eight Modal Pieces) - Jean Langlais

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

Blessed
Heavenly
Aspirational
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**Christ
the King**

Dear siblings in Christ, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Thorns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

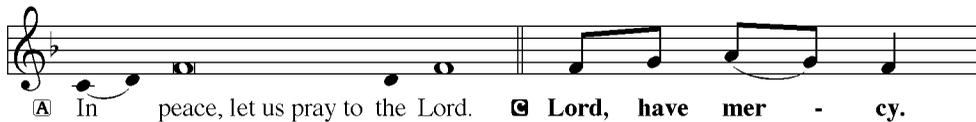
and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

GREETING

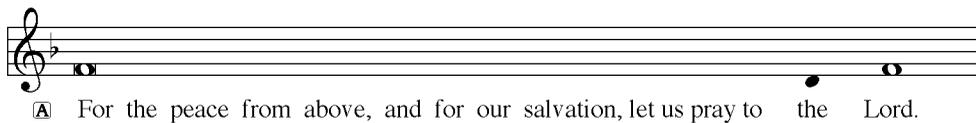
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

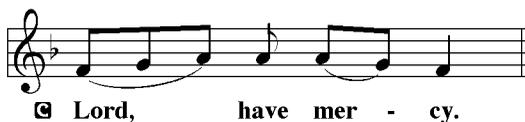
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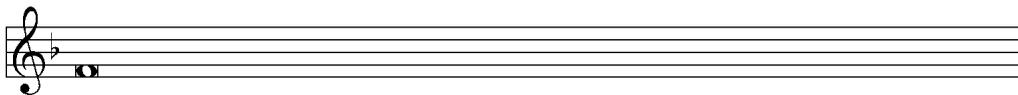
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



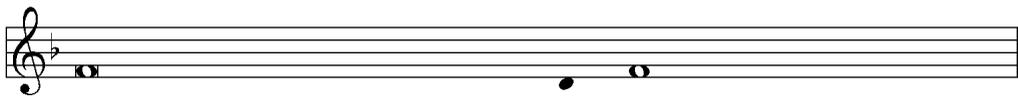
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



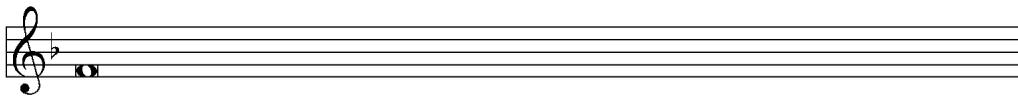
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from Jeremiah the 23rd chapter:

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46 (ELW) (chanted or read responsively by all):

One: God is our ref- | uge and strength,
 a very present | help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
 and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the
 sea;**

One: though its waters | rage and foam,
 and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**All: There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
 the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

One: God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

**All: The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

One: The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

**All: Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

One: behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the | shields with fire.

**All: “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be
exalted | in the earth.”**

One: The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING:

A reading from Colossians 1st chapter:

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd Chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴¶Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."¶ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robbed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith in the words of the 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." and "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me."

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God,

sung response: "O Lord, hear my prayer" (see above)

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction (*local water sources or protected lands may be named*). Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals.

Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader’s heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people (*especially*). Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Claudette Briere, Steve and Kim Kasmar, George Waghorn, Dave Covell, Eric, Anika DiVirgilio, Rita, Krista Seckinger, Christine Glass, DelRe Family, Kate, Wynne Snell, The Demello Family, Jacqueline Geisheimer, Norm and Polly Cote, Pastor Don Blume, Bill Drake. Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel with AMMPARO, the ELCA congregations of the New Hampshire conference, Habitat for Humanity, Ash Street Shelter, Share, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire and others. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement, help us be open and gracious towards new partnership opportunities in Southern New Hampshire. Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith (*especially*). Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Hear us, O God,

sung response: “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you

TEMPLE TALK

OFFERING The basket is in the narthex. Please place your offering there.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

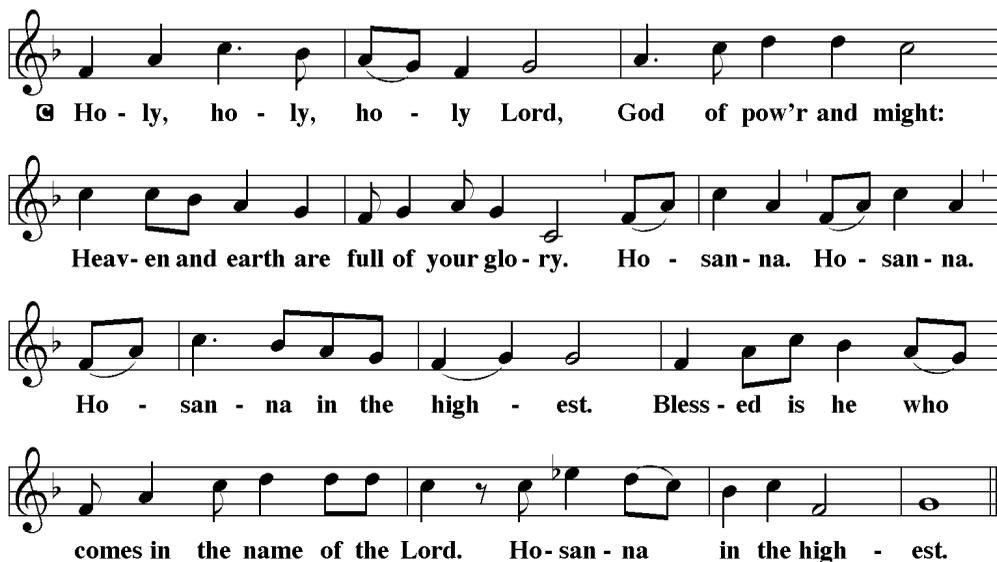
And also with you.

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.



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

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 for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit
in this meal,
and make us one
in this community of faith
and with your people
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

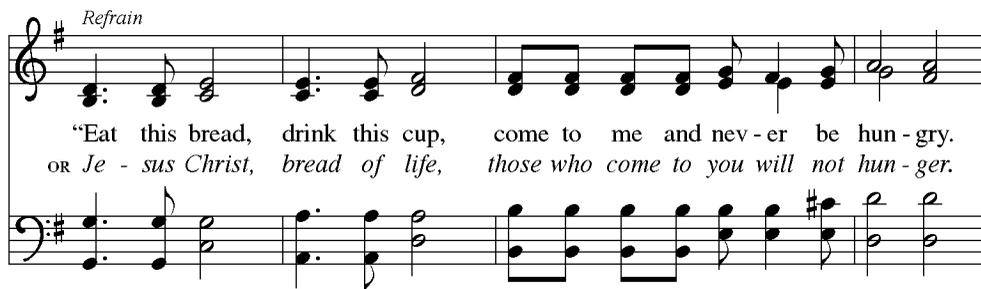
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 472

Eat This Bread (sung continuously)

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

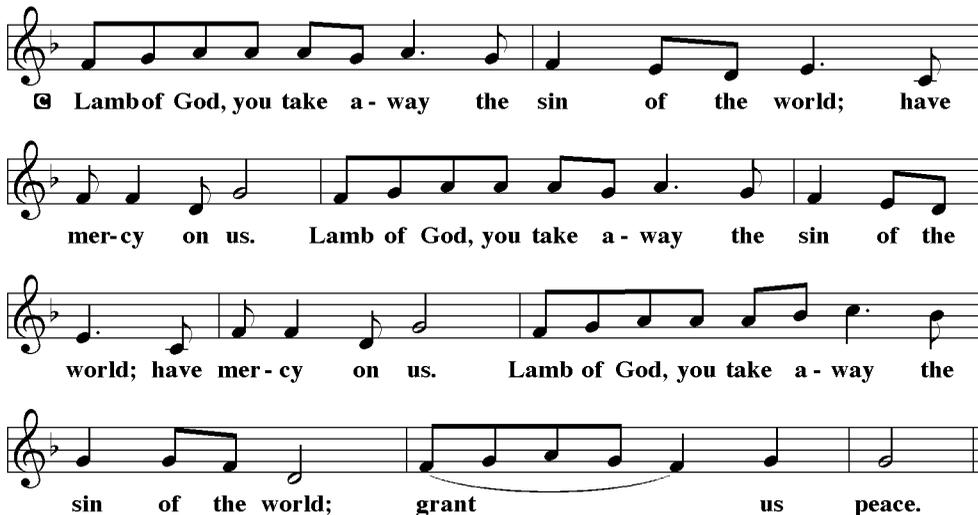
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The Lord has welcomed us all and has been revealed to us all in the bread and the wine; his body and blood.



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with
joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

TFF 178

Do, Lord, Remember Me



1 Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
2 When I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
3 When I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
4 I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,



do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
when I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
when I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,
I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,



do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
when I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
when I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;
I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;



sing - ing do, Lord, re - mem - ber me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: DITMUS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE — Rondeau - Jean Joseph Mouret

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