Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens



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Book of Common Praise 107

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see
The salvation of our God.

(Repeat 3 times)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 (sung 3 times)

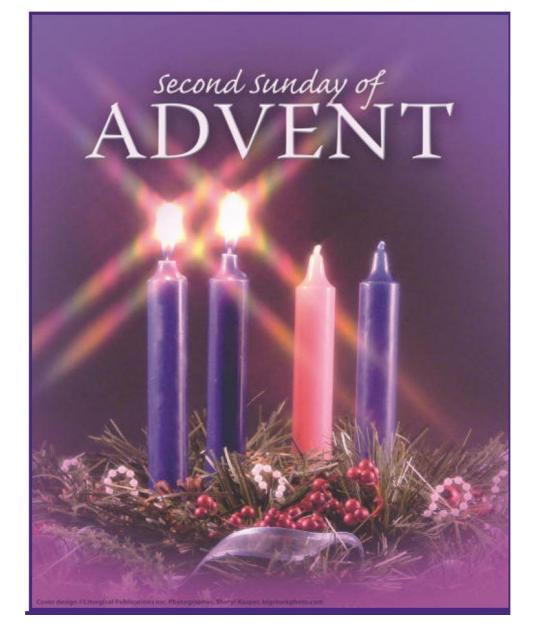
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Repeat twice

We say together the Collect for today:

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you,

that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



All Pray:

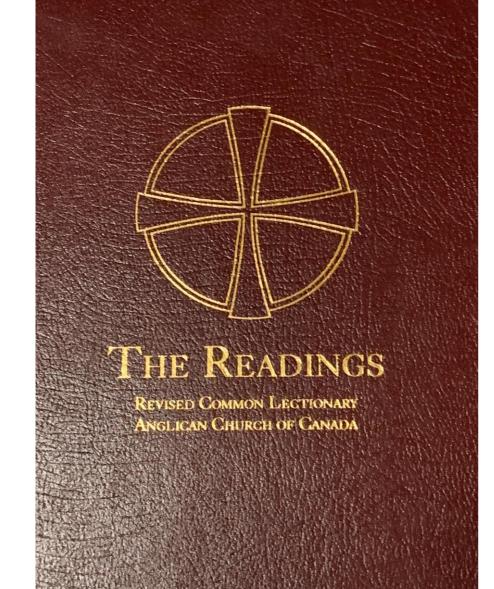


Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in our community and peace in the world. Amen.

Light One Pandle

Light One Candle

Light one candle for peace. Peace that the whole world needs Light one candle for peace. Peace that the Saviour will bring, Peace that the Saviour will bring.



<u>The Proclamation</u> <u>of the Word</u>



A Reading from the Book of Malachi (3:1-4)

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,

until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 150 (adapted from Psalms for All Seasons)

Refrain: "Praise ye the Lord, Christ will come! Everybody praise the Lord."

Psalm 150 (Psalms for All Seasons)

Christ is coming! Praise God in the holy temple.
Praise God in the mighty firmament.
Praise God for mighty acts;
Praise God for exceeding greatness.

Praise ye the Lord, Christ will come! Everybody praise the Lord.

Psalm 150 (Psalms for All Seasons)

Praise God with the trumpet sound. praise God with the lyre and harp. Praise God with the tambourine and dance. praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise ye the Lord, Christ will come! Everybody praise the Lord. Psalm 150 (Psalms for All Seasons)

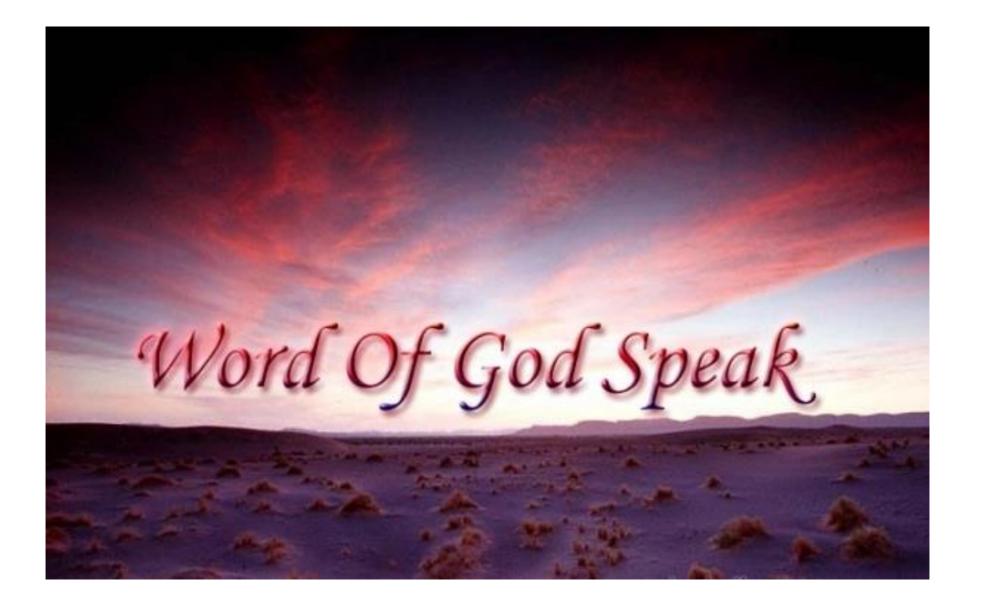
Praise God with resounding cymbals.

Praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath

Praise the Lord Christ is coming!

Praise ye the Lord, Christ will come! Everybody praise the Lord.



All stand for the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.

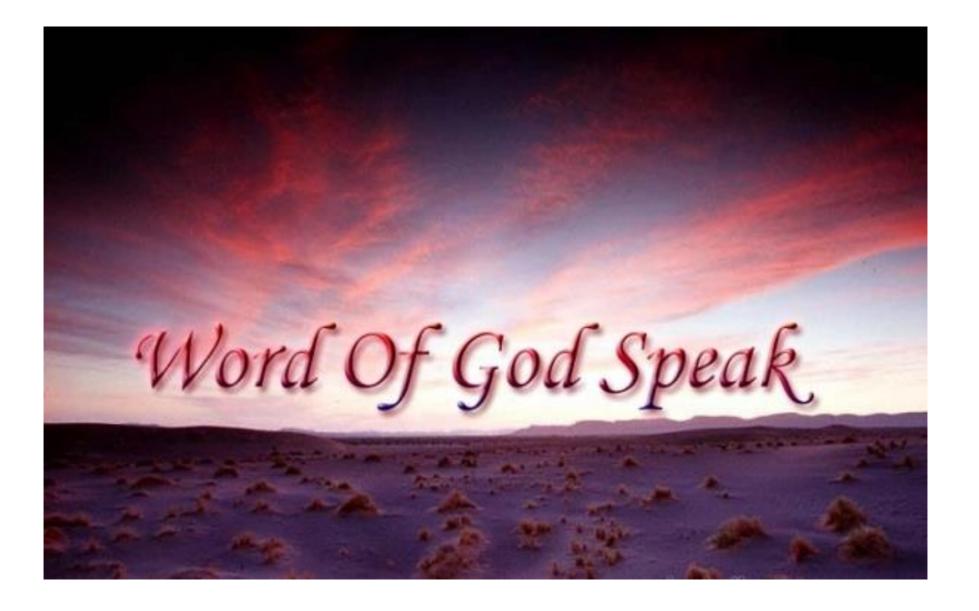
Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of **Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate** was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

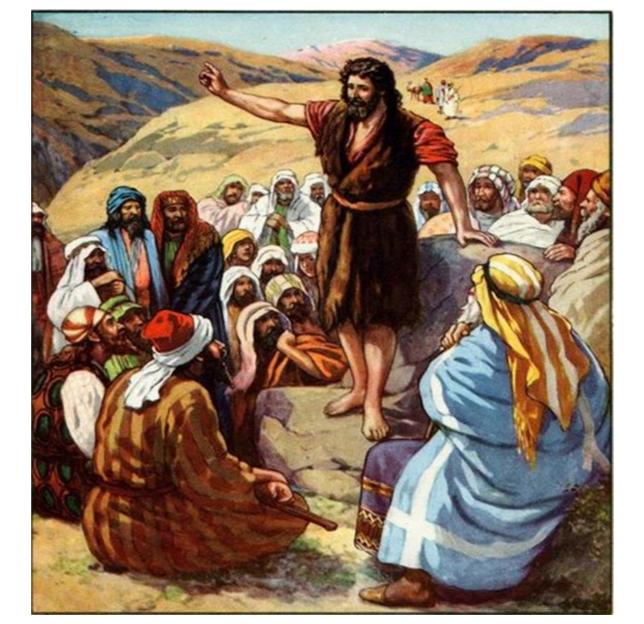
proclaiming a baptism of repentance or the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily Rev. Rob Henderson





Prayers of the People

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Wherever we are, in the wilderness, the countryside, or the city, God, you are there. That our hearts may be stirred up in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, let us pray saying:

Hear Our Prayer.

For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night, may our eyes be open to the beauty around us. Help us to protect and nurture your creation and ever proclaim its wonders.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For the church in every place, we pray for Todd our Bishop and all who share ministry in the Diocese of Huron. May we ever be mindful of the richness of the family of the church, the persons next to us, those in neighborhood churches.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

Let us pray for Christians who witness in places hostile to the gospel and let us be thankful for our freedom to practice our faith. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations, that the coming of Christ may transform strangers into friends. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for those who are at greatest risk among us. Let us pray for the sick for the lonely rejected or oppressed. We remember today those we love but see no longer. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for this community in our joys and our sorrows. Help us to look for what is below the obvious and from this depth reach out to others. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low. In blessing and devotion guide us to Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; **God welcomes sinners** and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

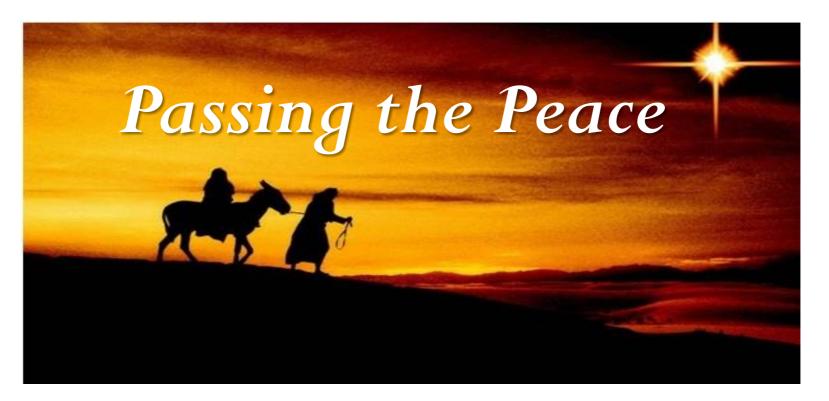
Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: we confess

that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

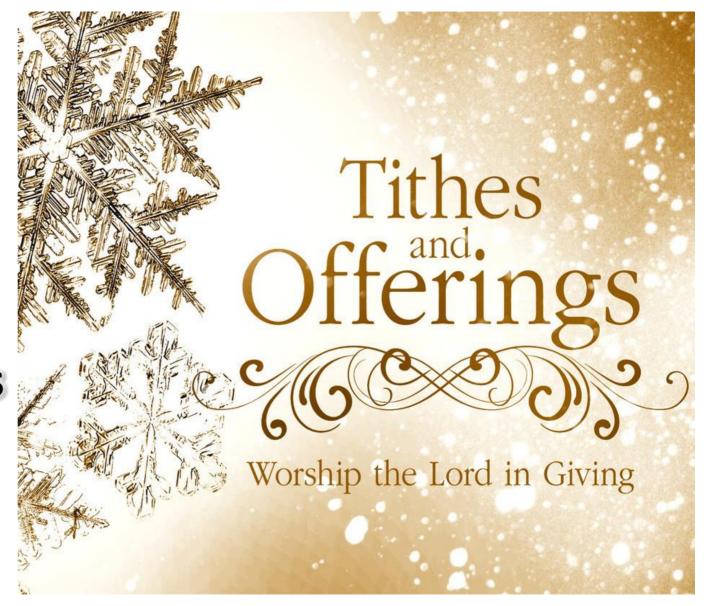
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. People:

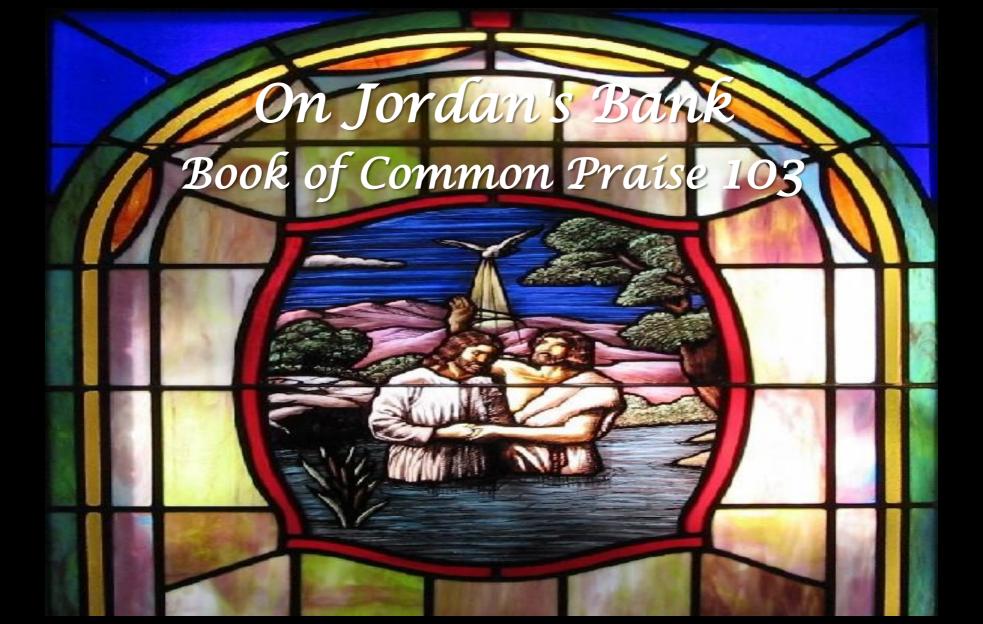


Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.



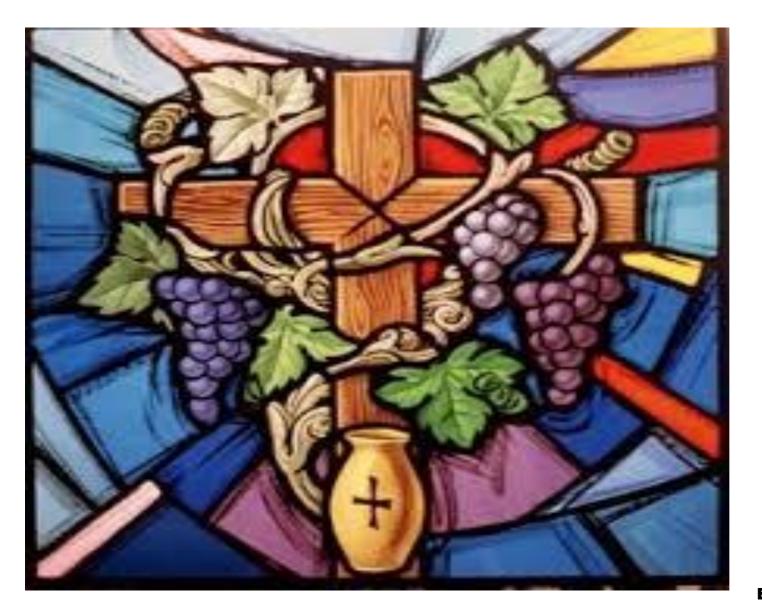




The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Horst and Shirley Ammons in memory of Shirley's parents, Ken & Mary Shepard, and Horsts parents, Alfred & Rosa Ammons.

Prayer Over The Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Eucharistic
Prayer
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna on high.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna, Hosanna on High.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour **Jesus Christ**; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat:

this is my body

which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

"This is my blood

which is shed for you.

When you do this,

you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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 forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread #5 Advent

Proclaim Messiah's Birth

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Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.





ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE, IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.

Please stay physically distanced when approaching to receive the bread.

After receiving your wafer, please step to the side and remove your mask before consuming the bread.

Gluten free wafers are available.





We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

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



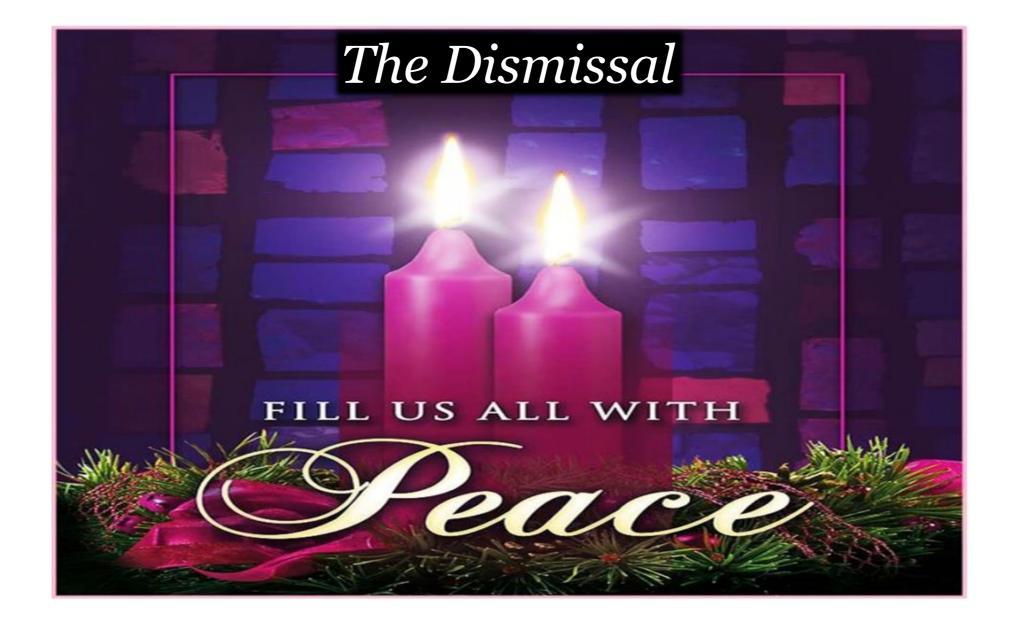


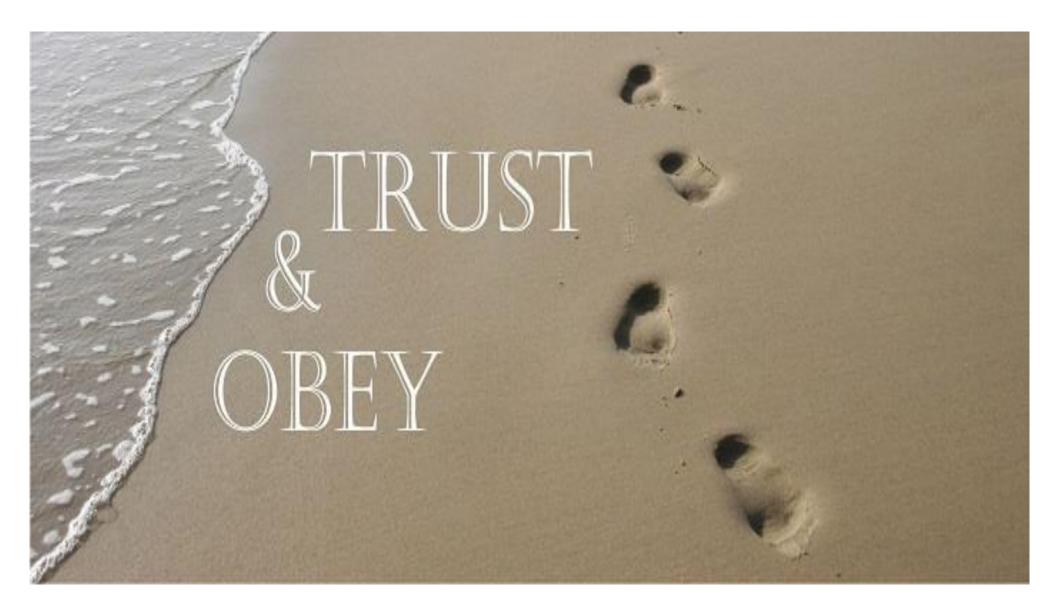
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When the King shall come again, All His power revealing, Splendour shall announce His reign, Life and joy and healing; Earth no longer in decay, Hope no more frustrated, This is God's redemption day Longingly awaited.

There God's highway shall be seen Where no roaring lion, Nothing evil or unclean, Walks the road to Zion: Ransomed people homeward bound All Your praises voicing, See your Lord with glory crowned, **Share in His rejoicing!**







When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His word, What a glory He shines on our way As we do His goodwill, Our lives He will fill, And all who will trust and obey.

Chorus

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, Nor a sorrow we share, But our toil He does richly repay. Not a grief or a loss, Not a frown nor a cross, But is blessed as we trust and obey.

Chorus

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

But we never can prove The delights of His love, Until all on the altar we lay. For the blessings He gives And the joy as we live Are for those who will trust and obey.

Chorus

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