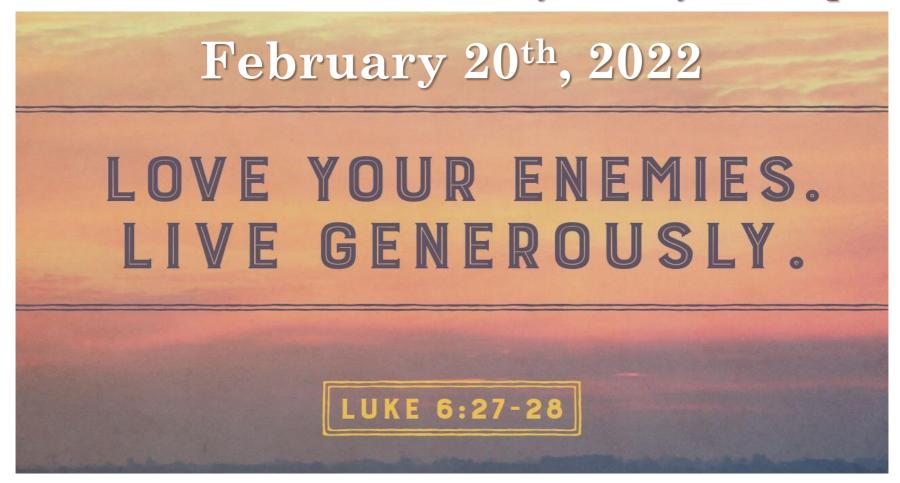
# Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany



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#### Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live. A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

### **Refrain**

# All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

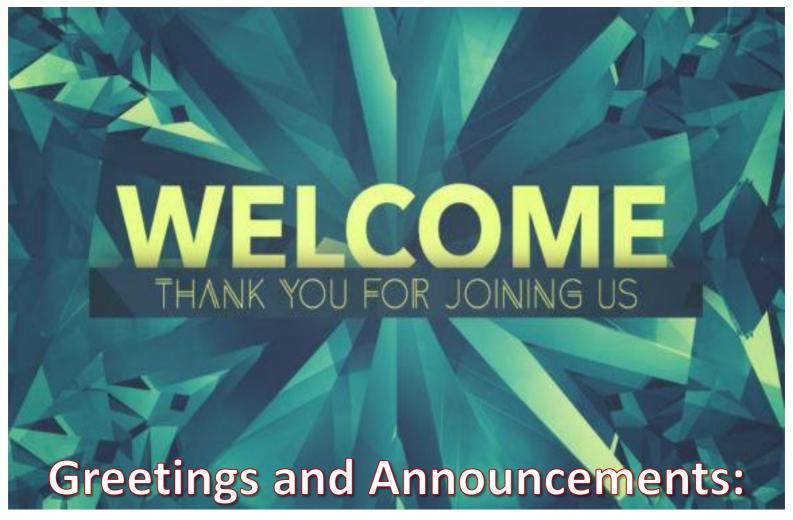
Verse 3

Let us build a house where love is found, in water, wine and wheat A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

#### **Refrain**

# All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.





**Rev. Rob Henderson** 



#### Verse 1

Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine, And visit with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Verse 3

Let holy charity My outward vesture be, **And lowliness** become mine inner clothing True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings Weeps with loathing.

# 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.

Celebrant: Lord Have Mercy.

People: Christ Have Mercy.

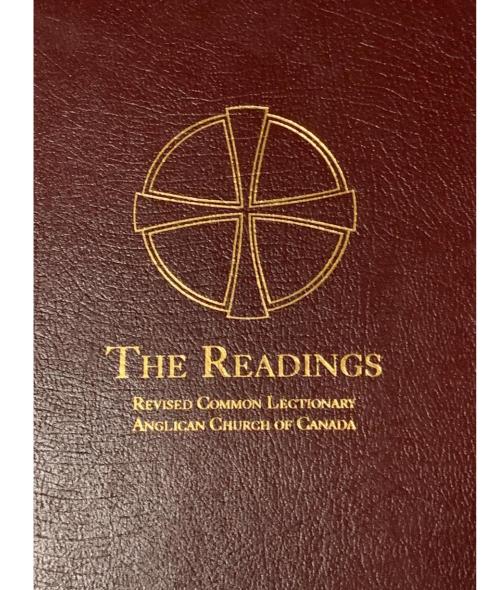
Celebrant: Lord Have Mercy.

# We say together the Collect for today:

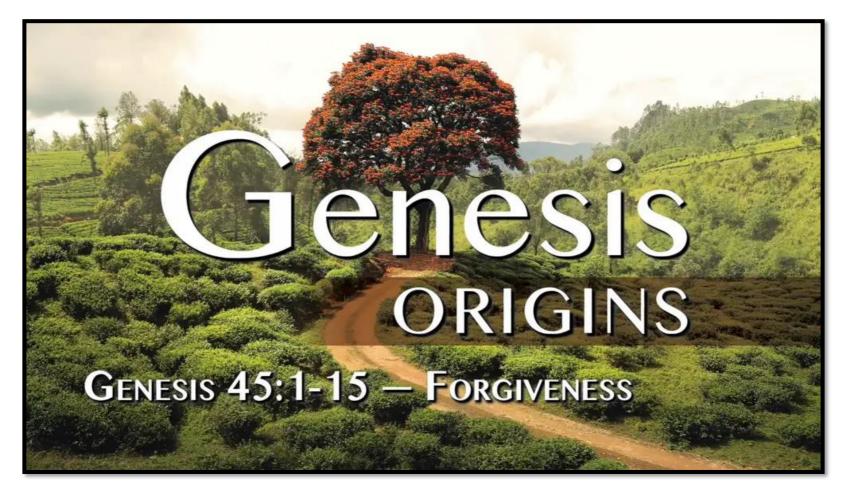
Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



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



A Reading from the Book of Genesis (45:3-11,15)

## Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph,

Genesis 45:3-11,15 -1/5

whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds,

and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

#### **Refrain:**

"Wait for the Lord whose day is near Wait for the Lord be strong, take heart."

## Psalm 37

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong

For they shall soon wither like the grass and like the green grass fade away

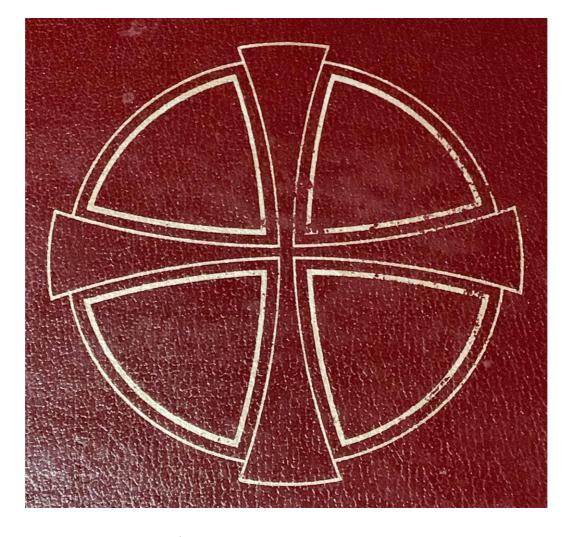
Wait for the Lord whose day is near Wait for the Lord be strong, take heart.

## Psalm 37

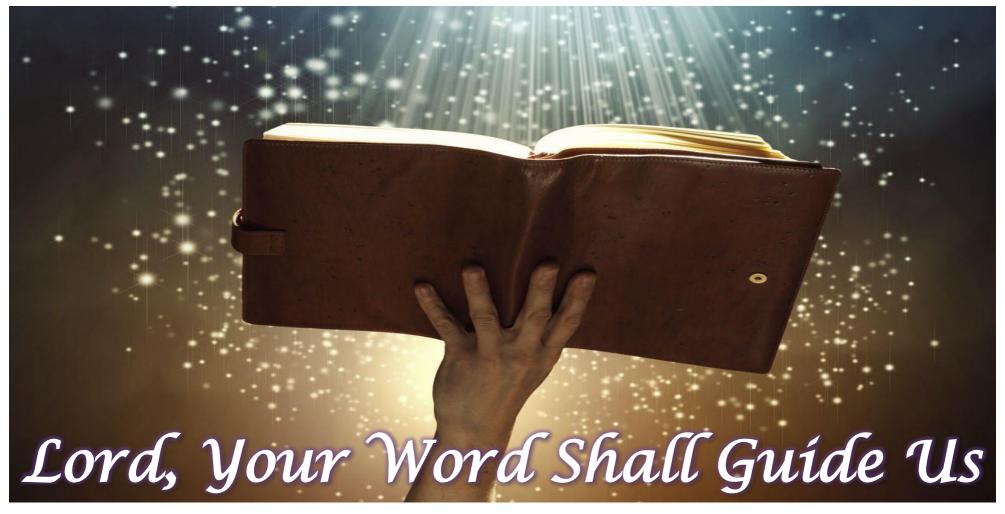
Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture

Commit your way to the Lord, put your trust in the Lord, and see what God can do

Wait for the Lord whose day is near Wait for the Lord be strong, take heart.



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# 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 6:27-38

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?

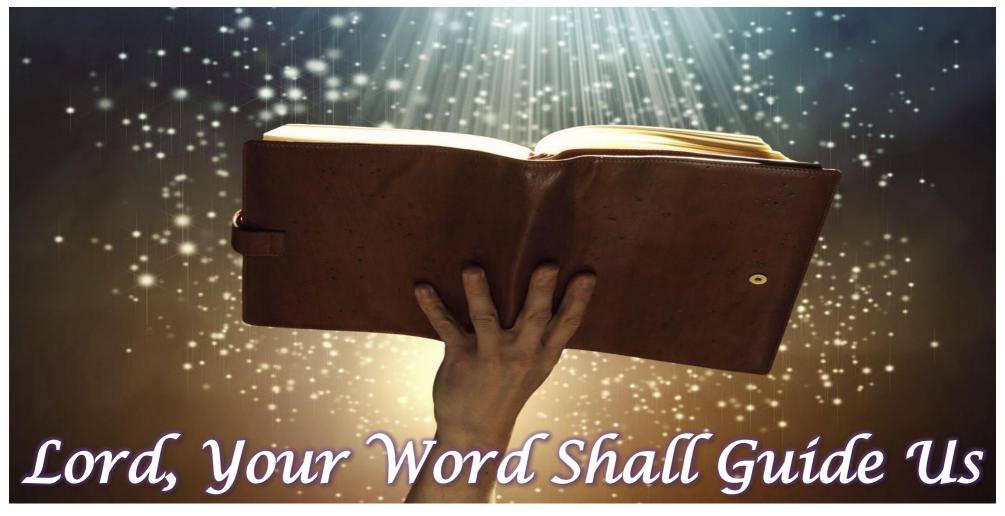
For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High;

for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap;

# for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Love your en

Homíly Rev. Rob Henderson



Prayers of the People Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – Year C

Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and forgive those who sin against us let us pray to the God knows our frailty saying:

We pray for the church; for Todd or Bishop and all who serve Jesus in the diocese of Huron. When conflicts threaten to disrupt the fellowship in the church community, give us grace to forgive. Lord in your mercy.

When the luggage we carry from our past interferes with our capacity to cope with the present, heal the damage from our memories and transform our experiences for good. Lord in your mercy.

When the differences in our cultures block our understanding of one another broaden our vision to see common ground and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord in your mercy.

Comfort and heal the sick. As those we know and love face the trials of their lives, have mercy on them and restore them to newness of life. We pray for those on our parish prayer list. Lord in your mercy.

As we acknowledge the beauty of loving even our enemies, we thank you for the extraordinary love you show us in Jesus. Merciful Father accept our prayers for the sake of your Son our savior Jesus Christ.

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:

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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.



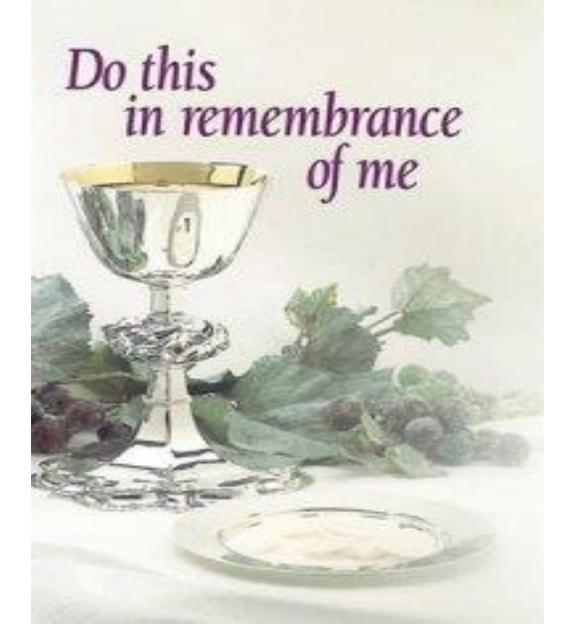


The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Rev Carol Gross in memory of Loved Ones

### Prayer Over The Gifts

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



# Eucharistic Prayer # 1

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.

It is indeed right Celebrant: that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants **Abraham and Sarah** gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

**Through Moses** you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Hymn 722 Holy Holy (Eucharist) Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life *Celebrant:* and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,

our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;

By raising him to life you give us life forever more.

## Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

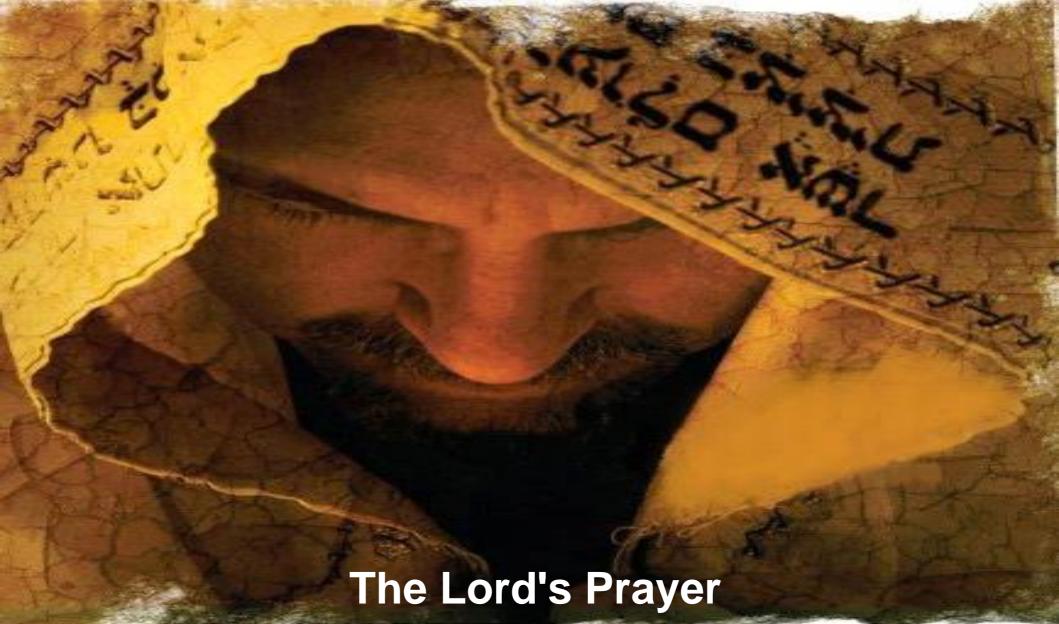
Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, Celebrant: proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



#### The Lord's Prayer (Landry)

Cantor: Let us pray to God our Father in the way Jesus taught us to pray:

All: 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 Yours is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory, Now and for ever-



### Breaking of the Bread #3

Celebrant:



Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People:

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.





## 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.

## Communion Hymn



We Say Together the Prayer After Communion: Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus

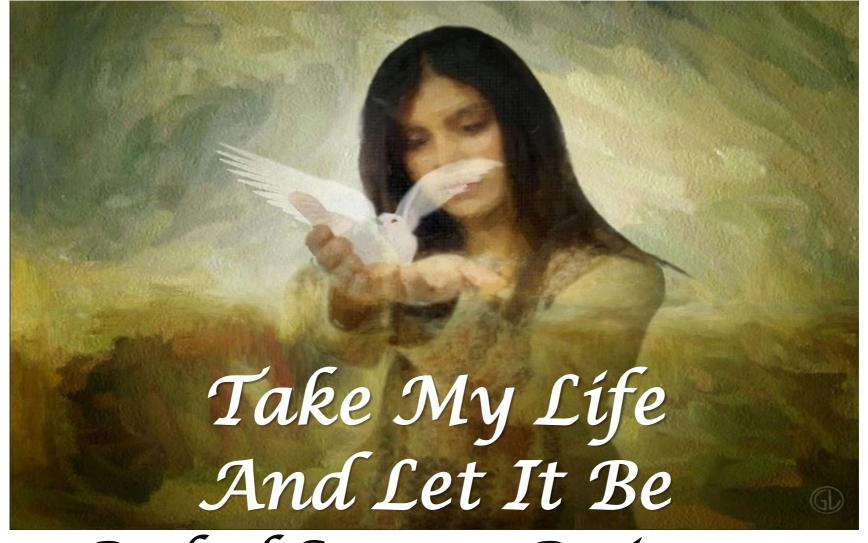
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 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.

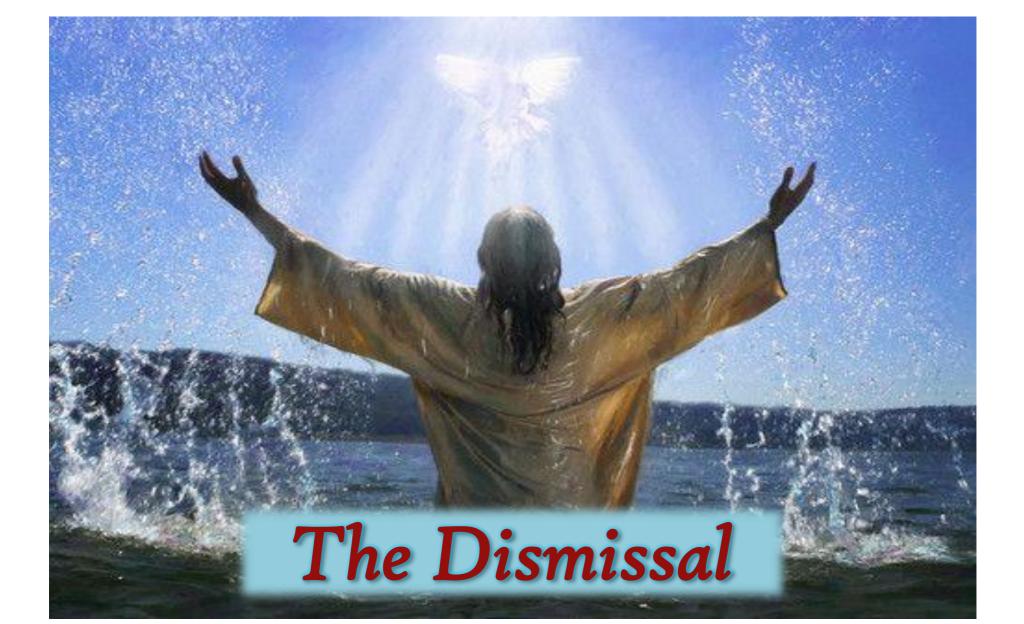




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Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take my self, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.





God's so good, He hears our cry.

He knows our needs before we sigh.

He takes our load and gives us hope.

Because He loves us so.

#### **Chorus**

Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. It fills His heart with joy to Treat his children well. Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. Because a Father loves his child.

When we pray, both night and day
He's always there to share our cares
And give advice if we but ask,
Because He loves us so.

#### **Chorus**

Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. It fills His heart with joy to Treat his children well. Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. Because a Father loves his child. Tag Because a Father loves his child.

## Thank you for worshipping with us!

# God Bless You

