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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023
9:30 am

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Rev. Mark Delcuze, Rector
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music
Jane Ford, Family Ministry Coordinator
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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Prelude

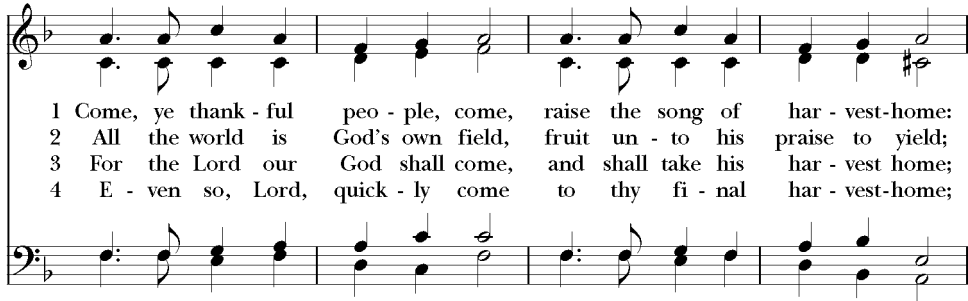
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

—arr. Eithun

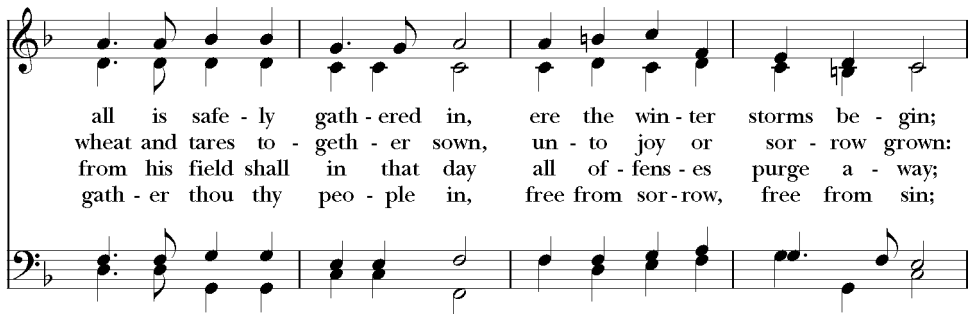
Welcome

The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

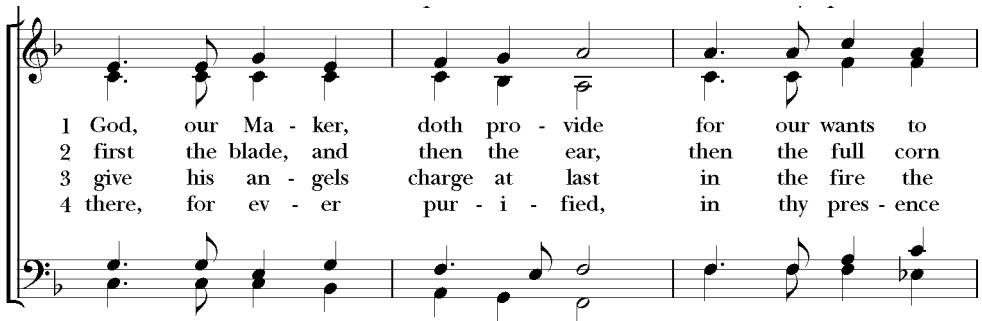
+Processional Hymn Come, ye thankful people come



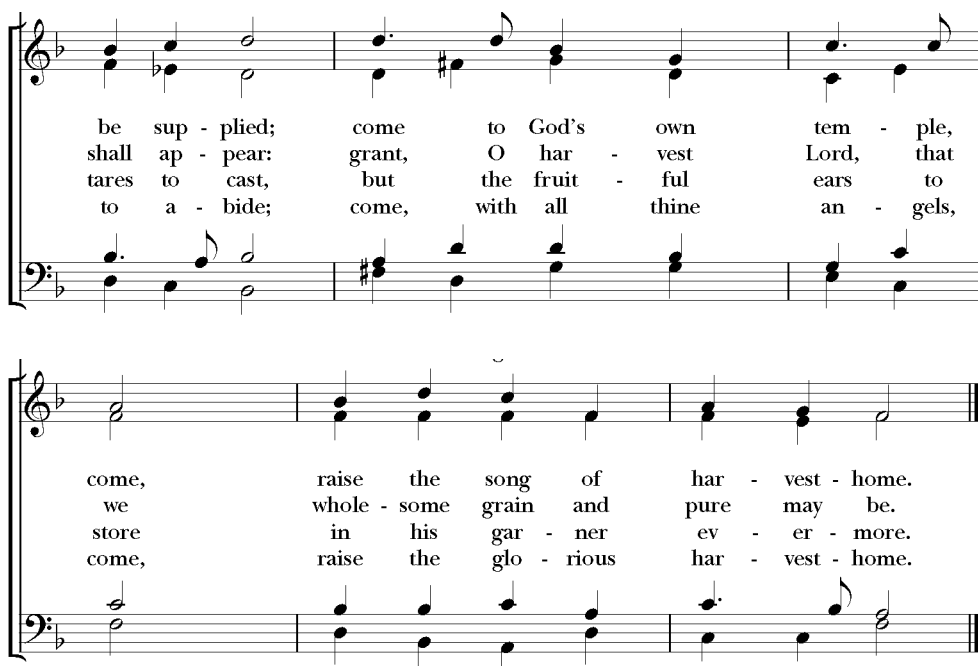
1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home;
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
to a - bid; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
we whole - some grain and pure may be.
store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

+Opening Sentences

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

+Collect for Purity (said by all)

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.

+The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Read responsively by verse.

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

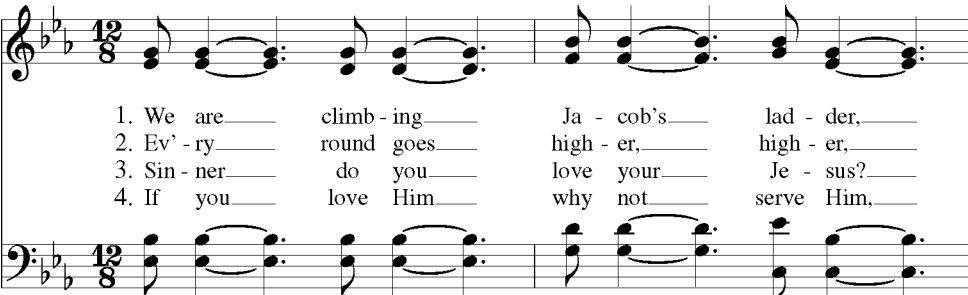
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

+Sequence Hymn

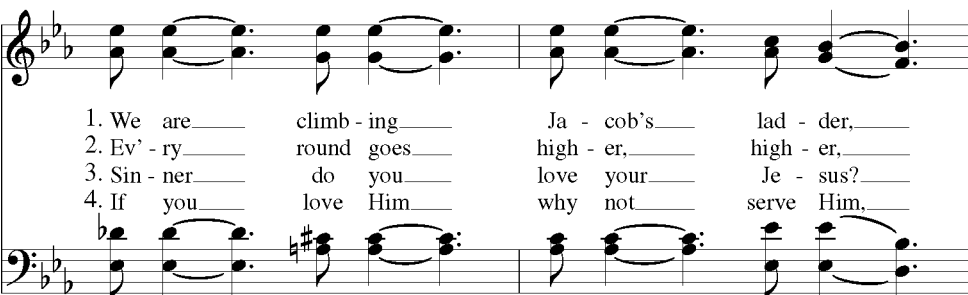
We are climbing Jacob's ladder




1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der, _____
 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____



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 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er; _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him; _____



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 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____



1. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 2. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 3. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 4. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____

+The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Please stand and face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

+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.**

+The Prayers of the People Form Six

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord 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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and San our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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.

Leader and People

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 live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

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

+The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

-arr. K.L. Scott

Katelyn Ruyter, soprano

Come, O thou Traveler unknown. Who still I hold, but cannot see;
My company before is gone, And I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay, And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am; My sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name; Look on thy hands, and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now.

‘Tis Love! ‘tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee; Pure universal love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move; Thy nature and thy name is Love!
(text by Charles Wesley)

.Offertory Response

As those of old their first fruits brought

vss. 1 & 3

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, In your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People **grant us peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem

“God of Wonders”
Katelyn Ruyter, soprano

-Byrd & Hindalong

+Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Blessing

Announcements

+Recessional Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.
 2. bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 3. bove, Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

continued

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Little Prelude in C”

-Bach

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*Please welcome our guest singer, Katelyn Ruyter. Katelyn was our Choral Intern in 2022
 and is currently a student at the University of Georgia.*

Save the Date

Retirement Party

honoring

The Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

5:30Pm—8:30 PM

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Please pray for: Bobbie Kaye Ewing, Susan Fralic, Anneliesse Jones, Sharon McCain, Sheila Savage, Paul Ewell (RIP)- Carole Katrinic & Family, Goldey Vansant, Larry Bauer, Kristie Miller, Frank Marrinucci, Brett Cannon, Ann Porter, Marion Ohes, Scott Clark (RIP)-Connie Clark & Family, Charlie Thomas, Ruth Kaszuba, Emma, Larry Morris, Bruce Coursey, Richard Thomas, Lee, Rev. Emily Richards, Jeff Smyth, Sophie Amador, Theresa & Alain, Connie Clark, Steve Guy (RIP)-Steve's Family, Todd & Cathie, Ann Porter (RIP)-Porter Family, Evelyn Folliot, Pat Harris (RIP)-Harris Family, Joe Ashkin, Lindy Coltharp, Ellen Dena Trox, Stella Schneider, Jason Wentzel, Noel Milan & Family

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Serving This Week

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