

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ELW Holy Communion Setting Four**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020 CLC 8 & 11am**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**GATHERING SONG *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***  
**(CORONATION) (ELW 634)**

*The time of gathering song may be brief or extended, and may include one or more of the following: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.*

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
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2 O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. (Repeat)

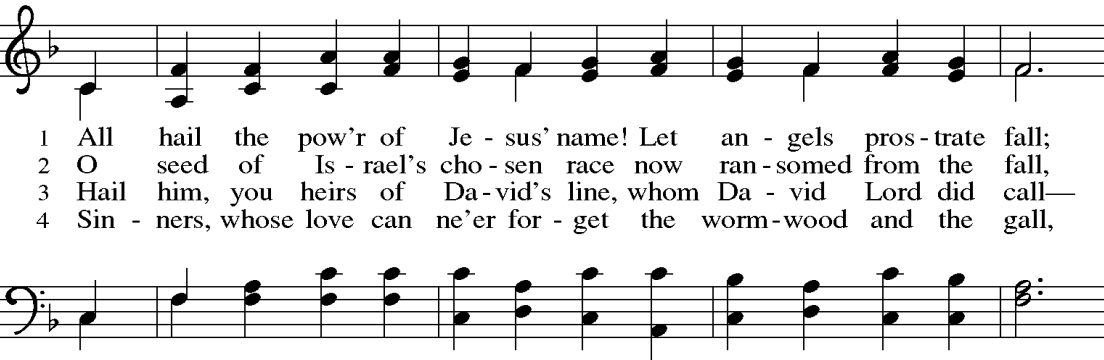
3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call--  
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all. (Repeat)

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all. (Repeat)

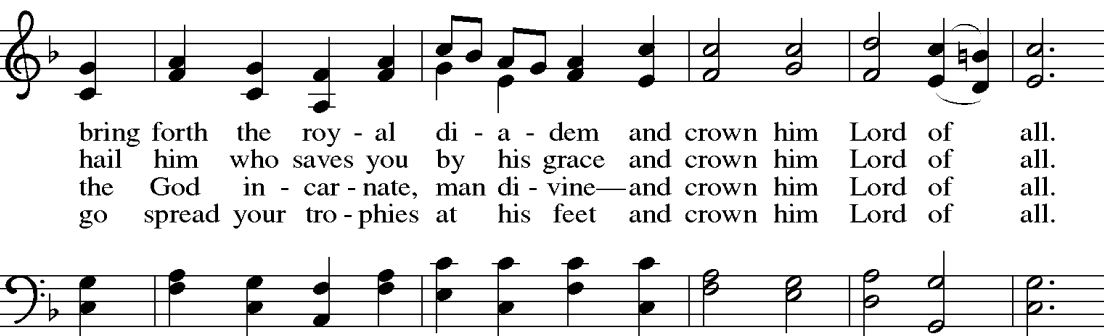
5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all. (Repeat)

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all. (Repeat)

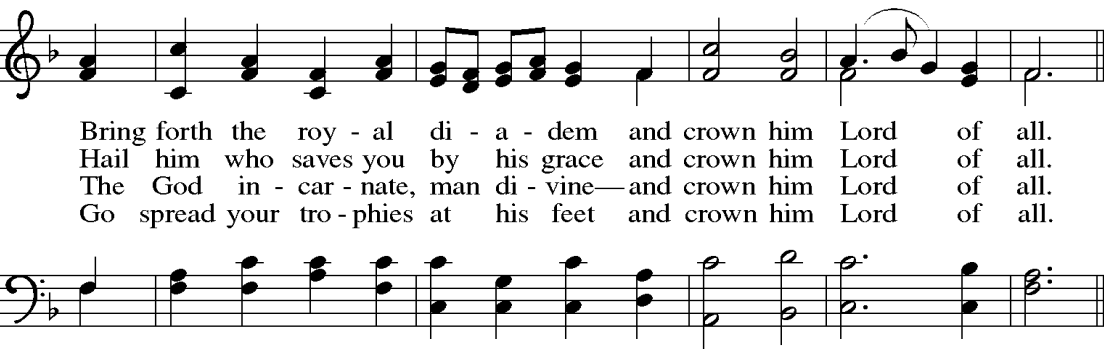
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 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
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Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6  
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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## **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.**

## **KYRIE (ELW p. 147)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

E pule, Kakou. Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us  
your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us,  
and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

<sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

<sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
**I lift up my soul.**
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
**nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
**rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**
- <sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,  
**and teach me your paths.**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
**remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- <sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
**therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
**and teach the lowly your way.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)



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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will

not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

## **KEIKI STORY**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.



## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles,

shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. E ka Haku.

**Aloha ke Akua.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. E ka Haku.

**Aloha ke Akua.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. E ka Haku.

**Aloha ke Akua.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Especially do we remember all those whom we name in our hearts and whose names we now speak aloud .... E ka Haku.

**Aloha ke Akua.**

As we celebrate our forty years, turn this congregation, Christ Lutheran Church, away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community, especially our IHS and online worship ministries; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. E ka Haku.

**Aloha ke Akua.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. E ka Haku.

**Aloha ke Akua.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE AND ALOHA**

Aloha nui e 'oukou.

'O ke aloha o ka Haku

e mau ana me 'oukou

apau loa.

Friends and neighbors, sisters and brothers, the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Mahalo nui loa to everyone is who able to continue with there offerings. You may send checks via USPS mail or go to our “Donate” button at [www.clcmililani.org](http://www.clcmililani.org) and make your offering via Tithe.ly or PayPal. Mahalo to Thrivent members making offerings via Simply Giving. And also to those who are using [www.smile.amazon.com!](http://www.smile.amazon.com!)*

### Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.'

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.*

E pule, Kakou. Let us pray.  
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth  
and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who  
hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to  
feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Na Makana a ke Akua no ka Po'e a ke Akua  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

E komo mai, e kipa mai.  
Come, all is ready. You are welcome.

## **COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION SONG - THE QUEEN'S PRAYER**

O kou aloha no A ia I ka lani  
A o kou oia io He hemolele hoi. Amene.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer  
after communion.*



E pule, Kakou. Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (ELW 623)**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

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Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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