

Morning Prayer

August 22, 2021

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16B

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.

Presider I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
Ps.19:14

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**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 neighbors 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.**

A Priest says

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory: *Jubilate*

May all lands be joyful before you, O God,
serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

**For we know that you are God;
you yourself have made us, and we are yours; we are your people
and the sheep of your pasture.**

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise,
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

**For you are good; your mercy is everlasting,
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 84

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

²The sparrow has found her a house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

**³Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.**

**⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

**⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.**

**⁸Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

⁹For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹⁰For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

**¹¹No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.**

**¹²O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Day by day we bless you;
We praise your name for ever.

The Lessons

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

¹Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people

Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle O

A Song of the Heavenly City

Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4

I saw no temple in the city, *

for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *

for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, *

and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *

into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.

I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *

flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *

and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.

All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,

and all servants give worship there; *

there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of

righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

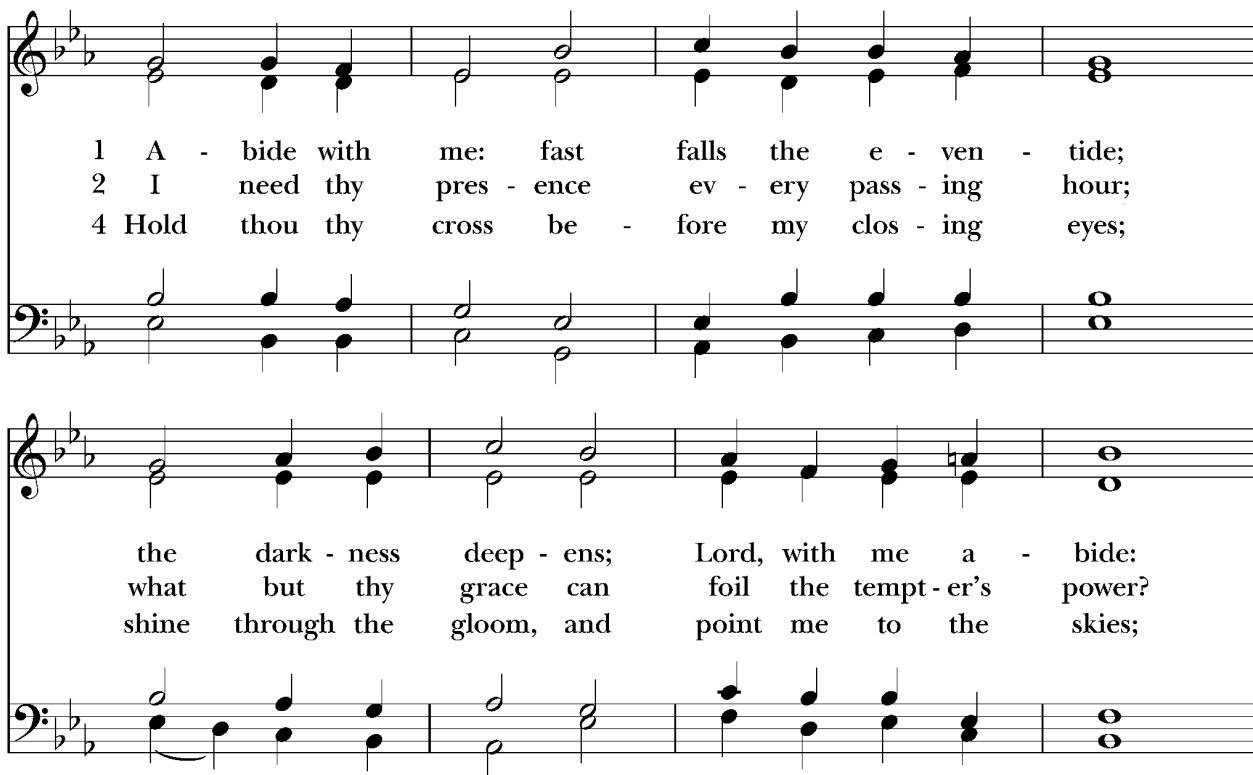
¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Hymnal 662

Abide with me



1 A - bid e with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Third Reading

John 6:56-69

A Reading from John.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”



⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him,

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The Presider begins

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Announcements

The Prayers

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy One, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember always that we are walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Officiant Your words are spirit and life, O God: Heed the cry and the prayer that your servants speak to you today as we stand before your altar in the presence of the assembly, saying: Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Intercessor Gracious One, your Church declares with boldness the mystery of the gospel as we put on the whole armor of God in the strength of your divine power. We pray today for our bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig, all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Christ Church, Detroit; Church of the Messiah, Detroit; and Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield. Gird all your people with the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, that we may stand firm in Christ's Word of love and compassion. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Silence is kept.

Almighty One, let your word be confirmed before the rulers, the authorities, and the powers of our world, that they may walk before you with all their hearts and be instruments of your mercy and peace. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Silence is kept.

Compassionate One, though all creation cannot contain you, you come to abide with us, and to hear the prayers of the foreigner as well as the prayers of your people. Let your eyes be open night and day toward this house and this community that your name may dwell with us to bless all your creation. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Silence is kept.

Hear our prayer and supplication for all who are sick, troubled, or in need [especially _____]. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs.

Accept our grateful thanks for all the blessings of our life [especially _____]. They will climb from height to height.

We remember before you today those who have died [especially _____]. Our souls desire and long for your courts; happy are they who dwell in your house. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Silence is kept.

Presider Your Spirit, O God, gives life through Jesus, the bread that came down from heaven: Give us the words of eternal life, that we may believe and know that Christ is the Holy One of God who brings us spirit and life, in your Holy Name. **Amen.**

The Alms Basin is then brought forward.

The Presider says

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature:

we come to you with thanksgiving and praise.

We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you.

Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,

**and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Be strong in the Lord

1 Be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age; your might-y De-
2 So put on the ar - mor the Lord has pro - vid - ed, and place your de -
3 Be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age; your might-y Com-

fend - er is al - ways the same. Mount up with wings, as the ea - gle as -
 fense in his un - fail - ing care. Trust him for he will be with you in
 mand - er will van - quish the foe. Fear not the bat - tle for the vic - tory is

Refrain
 cend - ing; vic - tory is sure when you call on his name.
 bat - tle, light - ing your path to a - void ev - ery snare. Be strong, be
 al - ways his; he will pro - tect you where - ev - er you go.

strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age for he is your guide. Be

strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and re - joice for the vic - tory is yours.

Dismissal and Blessing

A Priest says

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

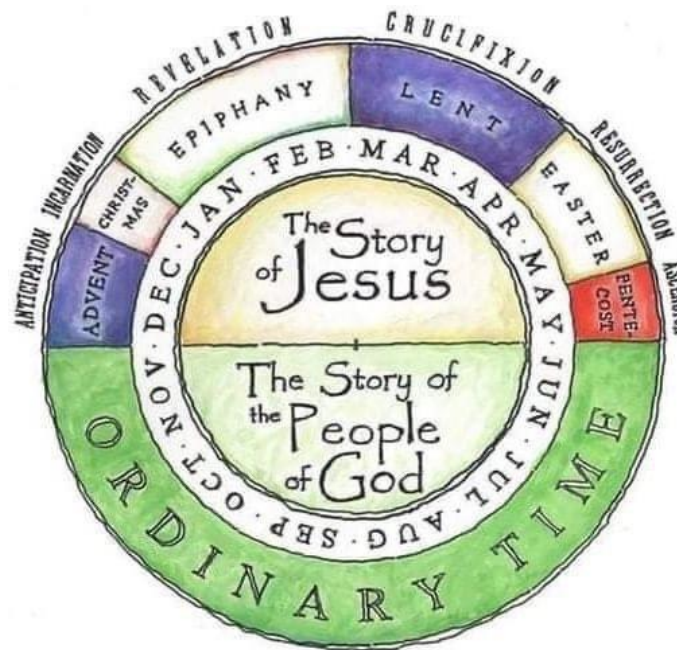
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

My brothers and my sisters, we have come to believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God. Now go now in peace, in service to him, in the name of + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



**CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS
TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. ***The usual "TOP ITEMS" needed are:*** baked beans, coffee, canned tomatoes, hamburger helper (or any helper), spaghetti sauce, small cans Campbell’s soup, ketchup, ranch dressing, cereal, 64oz fruit juices, chips, crackers, toilet paper, laundry soap, cleaning products. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. **The next Food Drive at the church will September 19.** Please leave your donations at the church on that day.

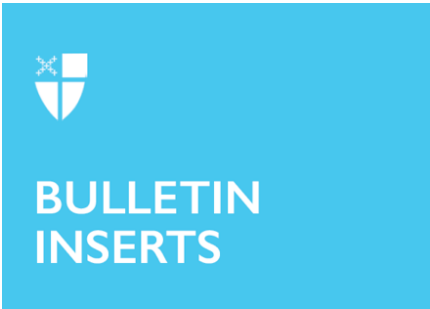
Financial donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at www.faithinaction1.org, by [Facebook](#), or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118*. **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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Upcoming Commemorations

- August 23 Martin de Porres, 1639, Rosa de Lima, 1617, and Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606,
 Witnesses to the Faith in South America
- 24 Bartholomew the Apostle
- 25 Louis of France, King, 1270
- 27 Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, Priests, 1902 and 1890
- 28 Moses the Black: Desert Father and Martyr, c. 405; and,
 Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian, 430

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Explore the Way of Love: BLESS

The Christian tradition calls us not just to believe, but also to bless the world with the Good News that we have learned.

As the writer of Mark’s Gospel tells us, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” When we incorporate the practice of Blessing others into our lives, we are putting our love *into* action by becoming the Good News for others.

As part of the Way of Love, Blessing gives us a way to follow the example of Jesus. Just as Jesus was a leader and a teacher, he also was a son, a friend, a servant. Jesus understood the need to know and be known by those in his community and beyond. He understood that being seen, invited, and welcomed are ways of sharing blessing.

Likewise, we are called to know and be known, in the name of love. We are called to see, invite, and welcome as living examples of Good News. Just as the apostles were called to give and teach and heal, we are called to give the gifts we have to bless, as God has given so much to us. To seek, name, and celebrate the presence of God’s love in our lives and the lives of others is part of being good news.



We are called to work together as we share this love so that we are not alone in our work, but acting together as the Body of Christ, being his hands and feet in this world, we bring the Good News to life for people here and now.

Being part of a worshiping and serving community is part of the Good News. As the writer of Hebrews tells us: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time and our attention. And we are called to invite others into this Way of Love. We blessed *ourselves* in the process. *Others* will be blessed in the process.

This is how the world will come to know who we are and what we believe: Through the way we bless them.

Will you commit to the practice of blessing others? Are there others you know who are blessing others, who you can join with to multiply those blessings?

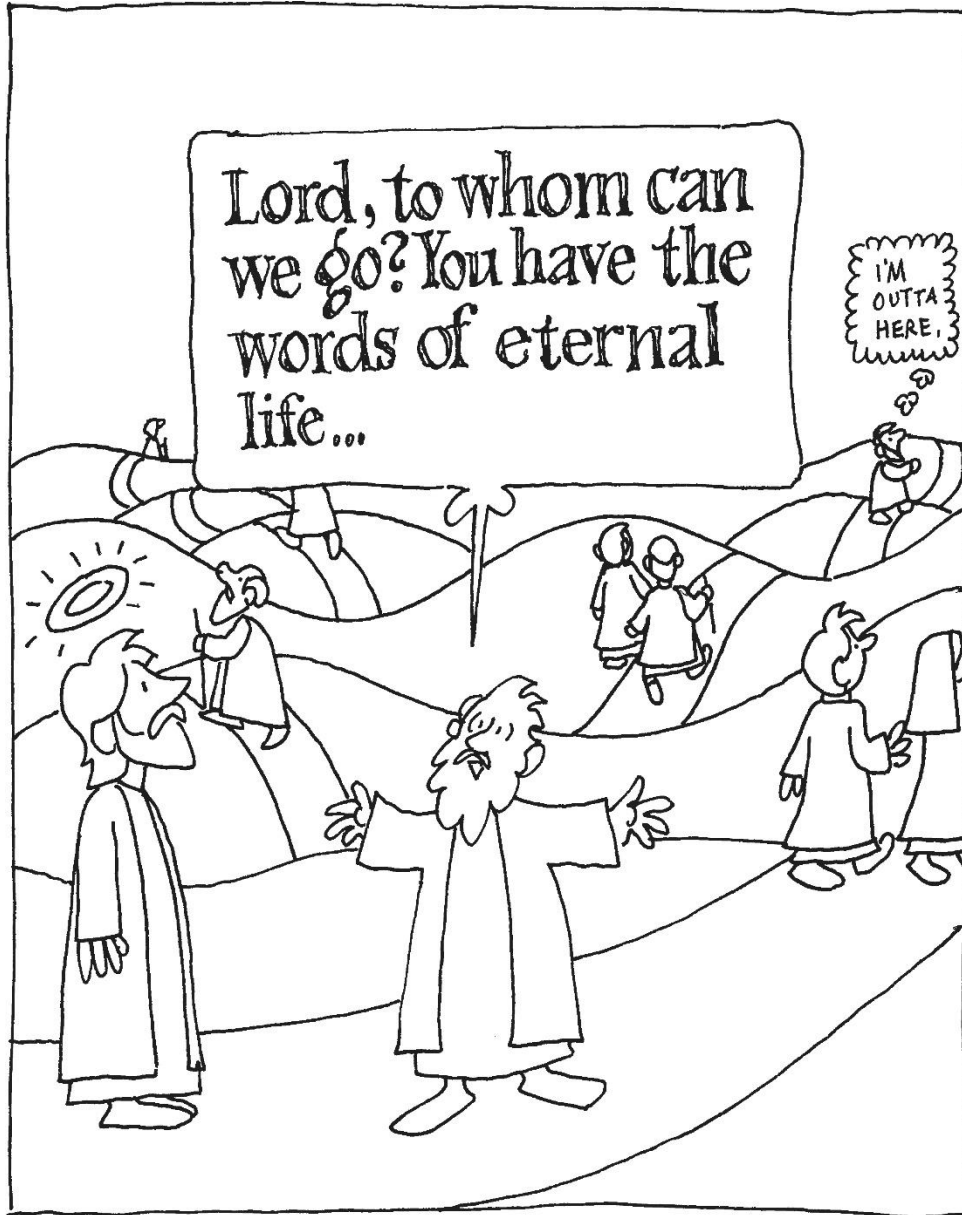
Learn more about the Way of Love at episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Blessing at iam.ec/explore.

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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