

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
January 29, 2022*



An evening for prayer, healing, and hope.

*A Contemplative Service with
The Baptism of Brian Helman*

We welcome you to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church this evening.

We gather in the quiet and beauty of our candlelit church as a people of faith: to pray, to offer thanksgiving for the healing grace of Christ, to allow the Spirit to usher our hearts and souls from darkness into light, to proclaim that love is stronger than hate, to witness to the new life possible to us through the mercy and grace of God, and to be a community dedicated to Jesus' mission of reconciliation and healing.

We begin in darkness to recognize the need for Christ to be in our lives, offering us new life and abundant love. We open our hearts to God's peace which passes all understanding, so we may go forward as the people of a reconciled world, bringing about God's dream by our love for one another.

You will be asked to light your individual candle during this time. It is often easier to tilt your candle to receive the flame from someone offering the light to you. You may extinguish your candle as we begin the readings or continue its burning as long as you would like.

Acknowledging God's creative force, which always draws us out of darkness into light, out of brokenness into healing, out of sinfulness into redemption, we make the transition into a church flooded with light, as we as a community baptize Brian Helman. What joy this is to acknowledge the faithful and healing work of Christ and all of us gathered here who have prayed for and witnessed to his miraculous healing. We join our hearts as we welcome Brian ever more fully into our parish family and into the larger Body of Christ.

We then come together in the Great Thanksgiving, offering ourselves, souls, and bodies to the mercy and grace of God through our shared Holy Communion. All are invited to come forward to receive this holy sacrament, for this is the Lord's table and all are welcome. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament, please come forward and one of our ordained ministers will offer a blessing for you. We invite you to stand or kneel at the altar rail, receive the consecrated bread and wine, and then place your small cup in the basket near the pews. Do linger at the altar rail to soak up the glory of God's healing grace.

This service will be carried by the Holy Spirit and our amazing musicians, whom we welcome and offer our gratitude to for their musical offerings. Thank you to Kevin Gorman (*pianist*), Lisa Turchi (*soloist*), Brian Helman (*pianist*), and Michelle DiBona Trefren (*vocalist, organist, cellist*).

You are welcome to engage in this service in whatever way is right for you. You may join in the responses and congregational hymns, or you may sit in silence and allow the words and music to wash over your souls. You will know what is right for you in that moment.

As we are in the time of COVID, we encourage you to wear your face mask during the worship service to protect those who may be vulnerable who are part of our worshipping community.

In Christ's love, Mother Barbara and the St. Andrew's Parish Family

Prelude

Our Welcome To You

Mother Barbara

Singing bowl is rung to begin the worship.

(Standing)

A Prayer Of Invocation

People Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
Stay with us for the day is ending.
With friend, with stranger,
With young and with old,
Be among us tonight.
Come close to us that we may come close to you.
Forgive us that we may forgive one another.
Renew us so that, where we have failed,
We may begin again. Amen.

The Lighting Of The Candles From The Paschal Candle *(the symbol of new life offered to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus). We will light our candles from someone near us. It is most helpful if you tilt your candle to take the light from someone else's candle already burning. You are invited, as you may wish, to sing Dona Nobis Pacem during this candle lighting.*



Words: Traditional Latin Music: *Dona nobis pacem*, traditional canon

(Please remain Standing)

The Ceremony Of Light

Minister Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Minister A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

People A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Minister Lord, you now have set your people free
to go in peace as you have promised.

People A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Minister For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

People A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Minister Let us pray,
God our Father, source of all light, fill our hearts with the light of
faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of
goodness, and come to the Light that shines forever, your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Prayer For Healing

Minister God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the
lovingkindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that
being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our
broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Contemplative Musical Offering *As the Deer*
(Please remain seated.) Marty Nystrom

The First Reading From The Prophet Ezekiel

36:26-28

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will
remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will
put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to
observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your
ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103

Lector Bless the beloved, O my soul, and all that is within me;
People I bless your holy name.

Lector Bless the beloved, O my soul,
People and remember the goodness of love.

Lector You forgive our stubbornness; you heal our disease.
People You save us from the snares of fear.

Lector You crown us with steadfast Love and Mercy.
People You satisfy our every need and renew our spirit like the eagle's.

The Second Reading From Letter of James

5:14-16

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering: *Nearer, my God, to Thee.*

(Please stand.)

The Holy Gospel

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John,
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Minister The Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

The Homily

Mother Barbara

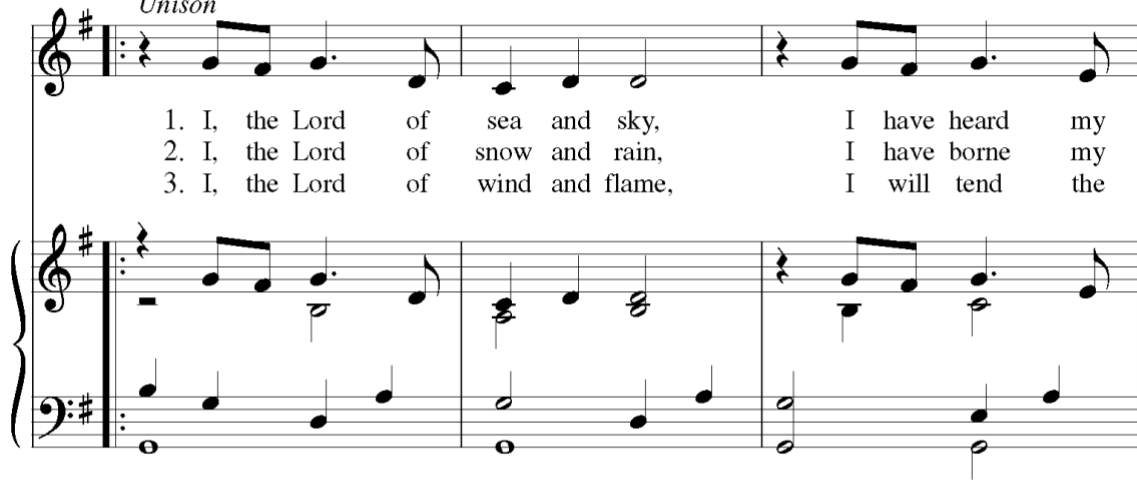
Time of Silence

The Baptism of Brian David Helman

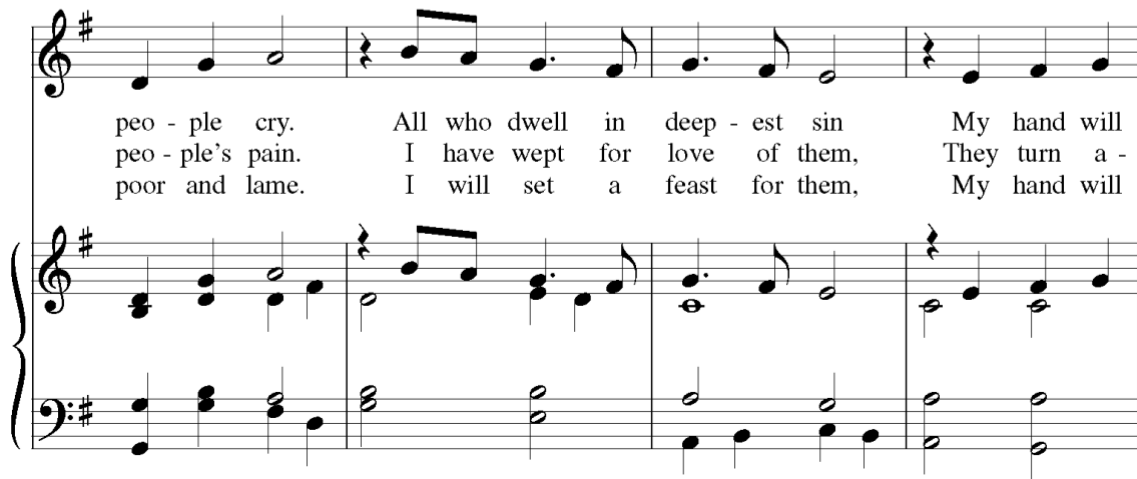
Wonder, Love, and Praise #812 I, the Lord of sea and sky



Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save.
way.
save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will break their hearts of stone,
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord.

if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. || 3.

heart. heart.

(Please be seated.)

The Presentation of The Candidate

Minister The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Brian David Helman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Minister Do you desire to be baptized?

Brian I do.

The Examination for Baptism

Minister Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Brian I renounce them.

Minister Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Brian I renounce them.

Minister Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Brian I renounce them.

Minister Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Brian I do.

Minister Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Brian I do.

Minister Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Brian I do.

Minister Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Minister Brian, will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Brian I will, with God's help.

Minister Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Brian I will, with God's help.

Minister Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Brian I will, with God's help.

Minister Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Brian I will, with God's help.

Minister Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Brian I will, with God's help.

The Prayers for The Candidate

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Minister Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Open his heart to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Send him into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Veni Sanctus Spiritus chanted by Lisa Turchi

The Baptism

Minister Brian, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Barbara Brian, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Minister Brian, receive the light of Christ so your light might shine among all people to the glory of God.

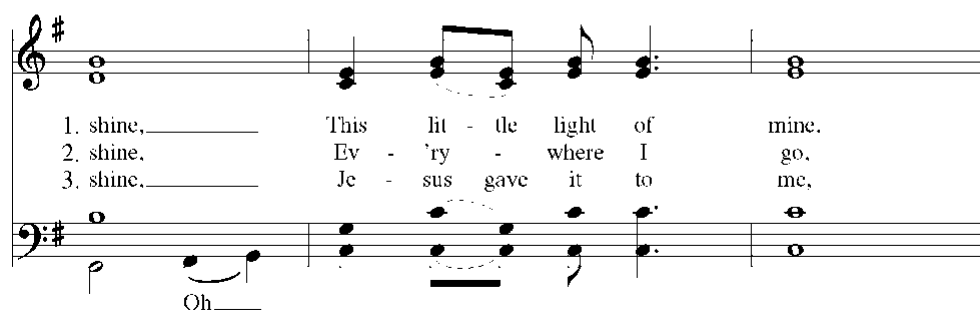
(Please stand.)

BAPTISMAL HYMN LEVAS #221 This little light of mine



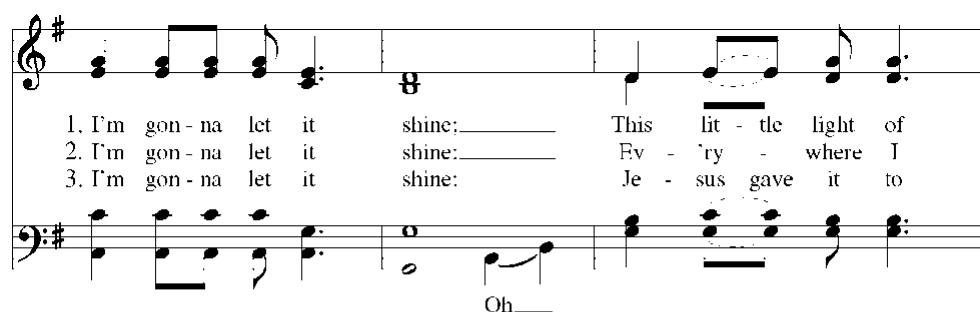
1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh



1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine.
2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go.
3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh



1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of
2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I
3. I'm gon - na let it shine: Je - sus gave it to

Oh



1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it

Oh



Minister Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please pass the peace, while remaining in your pew, by waving to or offering the sign of peace to those around you.

The Holy Eucharist

(Please be seated.)

Offertory Music

(Please stand.)

Minister The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister We offer you praise, dear God,

People with hearts lifted high,

Minister For in the communion of your love

People Christ comes close to us,

and we come close to Christ.

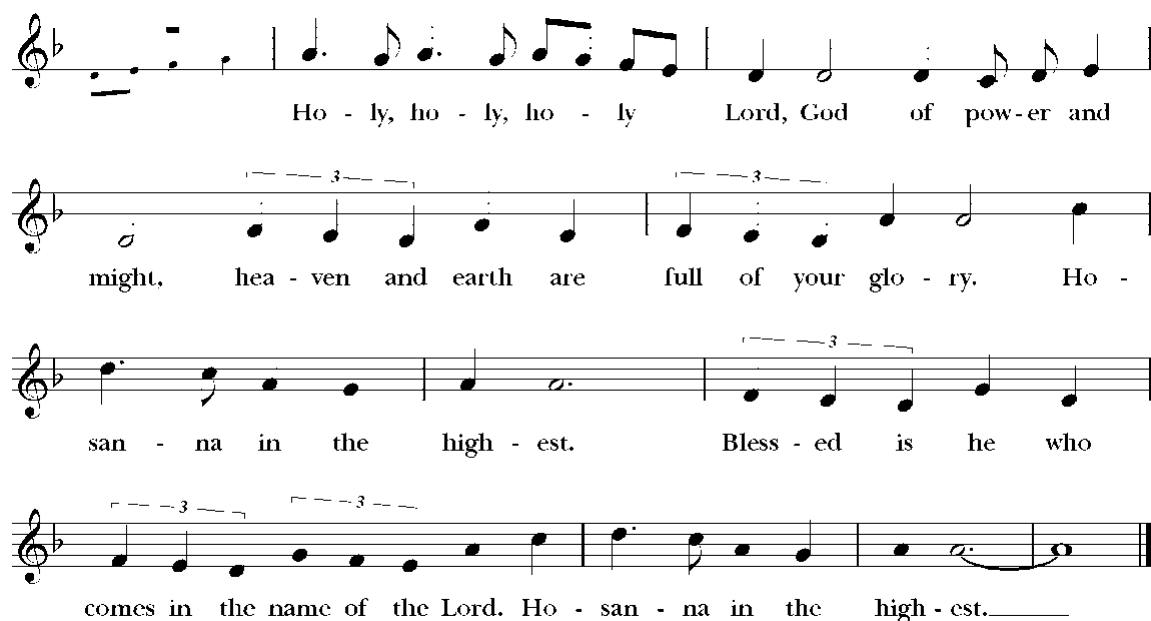
Minister Let us pray,

People Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.

Minister We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ, and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, and living sacrifice.

Minister Therefore, with the angels of light who envelop us
With all the saints before and beside us,
We join in the song of your unending greatness.

Sanctus 1982 Hymnal S-129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Minister Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our
world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of the
bread. On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and having
blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"This is my body; given for you. In the same way, he took wine and
having given thanks for it, he poured it out, and gave the cup to
his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it."

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this
bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with
your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole.

And now we pray, as Jesus taught us,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A time of silence is held in this holiest of moments, when the bread is broken so we may all receive.

Minister Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem 1982 Hymnal/S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Minister These are the gifts of God, for you, the people of God.

To receive communion during this time of special safety precautions, we ask that as you come forward to receive, you sanitize your hands with the sanitizer near the steps. As you approach the altar rail, please leave adequate distance between you and others who aren't in your particular safety zone (such as family members or close friends that you see often). Mother Barbara or another Minister will place the consecrated host in your hand. Someone then will bring along a tray with individual communion cups. Please take one, from the outside of the tray to avoid touching cups others will drink from. A Chalice Bearer will pour wine from the "one cup" into your individual cup for you to consume. Please linger at the altar rail and soak up the wholeness and goodness offered to us by communion with Christ. As you leave the altar area, we ask you then to place your cup in the basket which is on a small table in the area right by the altar rail.

(Please be seated, until you come forward to receive the holy sacrament.)

The Distribution of Bread and Wine

Minister The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Minister The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Communion Musical Offering

(Please stand.)

The Closing Prayer

Minister Let us pray,

People Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Minister The blessing of God Almighty: the God who created us, the God
who liberates us, and the God who stays with us throughout
eternity, be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Closing Musical Offering

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty/arr. John Carter

The Dismissal

Minister Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast
that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the
fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Ministers

Ministers The Rev. Carenda Baker, *All Saints' Episcopal Church, Hanover, PA*
The Rev. Ginger Bennett, *Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Eldersburg, MD*
The Rev. Dana Blouch-Hanson, *Assistant to the Bishop, ECLA Lower Susquehanna Synod*
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Michelle DiBona Trefren, *organist, cellist*

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Lisa Turchi

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