

**October 29, 2023
10:00 AM**

**The Twenty-second Sunday
after Pentecost**

**All Saints' Sunday
Holy Eucharist**



**St. Stephen's in-the-Field
Episcopal Church**

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We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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DUNDEE

from *The CL Psalmes of David, 1615*

1. Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;
2. One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church a - bove be - neath,
3. One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;
4. E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,
5. Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
though now di - vid - ed by the stream, in the nar - row stream of death.
part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.
and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.
bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
 let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
 and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
 happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
 and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

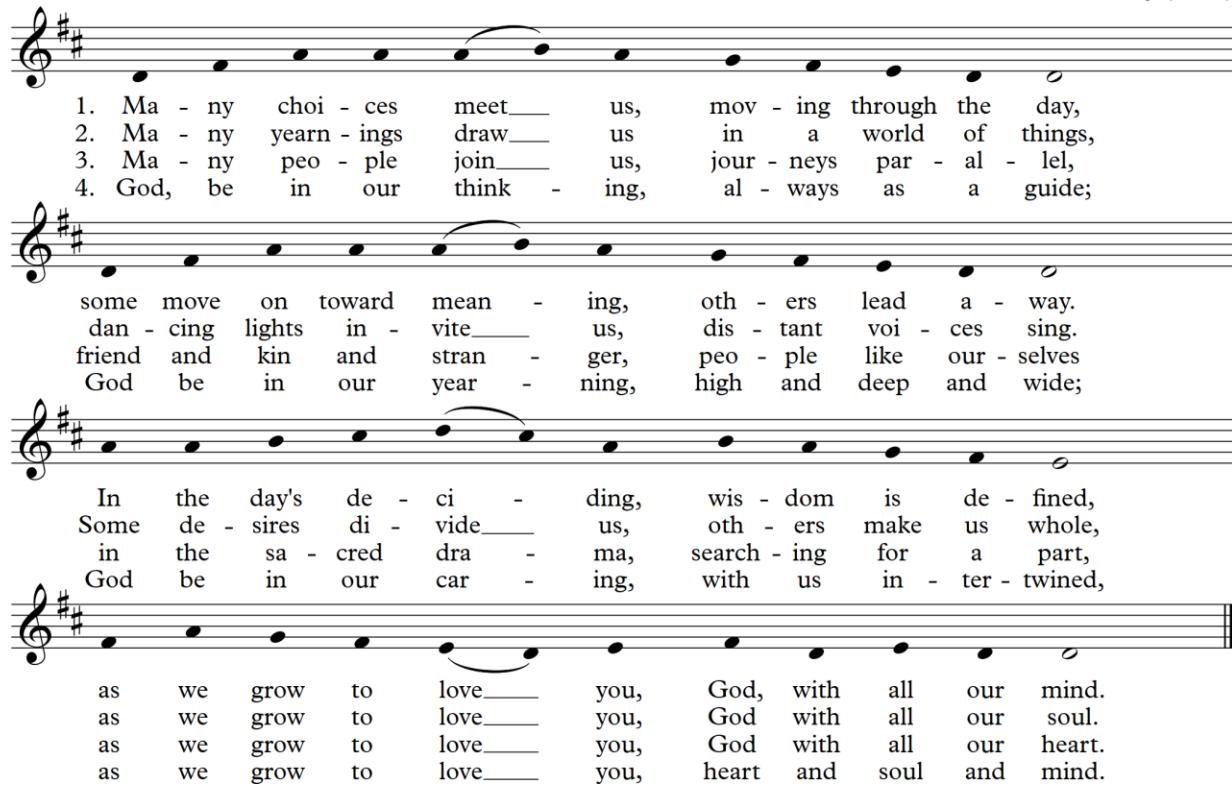
Gospel Gradual:

Many Choices Meet Us

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 55

ADORO TE DEVOTE
French church melody (1697)



Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of

evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant: Lord God, hear us as we humbly remember our dear loved ones who have passed on to be with you in your heavenly kingdom.

(Reading from the Necrology)

Loving God, help us to keep the memory of these loved ones in our hearts until we all return to be with you in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: **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

Absolution

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

BEACH SPRING

The Sacred Harp, 1844

attr. F. R. Warren

arr. compilers of *Common Ground*, 1998

1. Hark I hear the harps e - ter - nal ring-ing on the far-ther shore.
2. And my soul, tho' strained with sor - row, fad-ing in the light of day,
3. Souls have cross'd be - fore me, saint - ly, to that land of per-fect rest;

As I near the swol-len wa - ters, with their deep and sol-emn roar;
Pas-ses swift - ly o'er those wa - ters, to the ci - ty far a - way.
And I hear them sing - ing faint - ly, in the man - sions of the blest.

Music score for two hymn stanzas:

Stanza 1: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb.

Stanza 2: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM!

Doxology (Old 100th):

Music score for the Doxology (Old 100th):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___

heaven and earth are full,___ full___ of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our fathers and mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rachael, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant continues

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5

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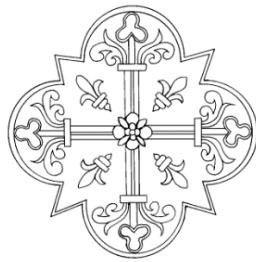
ST. ANNE

att. William Croft (1678-1727)

$\text{♩} = 72$

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.



Where Charity and Love Are Found

Latin; tr. J. Clifford Evers (1916-1997)

H561 (alt. tune)

ST. FLAVIAN
from *Day's Psalter*, 1562

1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
 6. Love can ex - clude no race nor creed if hon - ored be God's Name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.
 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.
 our com - mon life em - bra - ces all whose Fa - ther is the same.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: 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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing



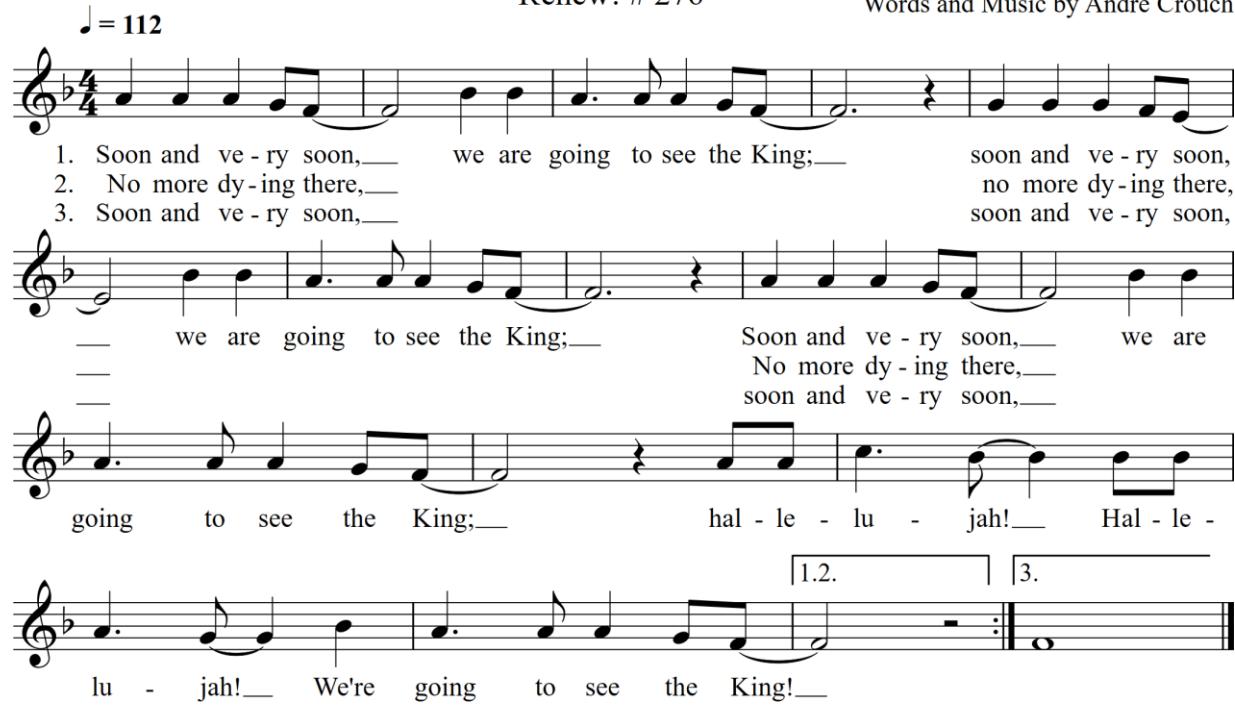
Mission Song:

Soon and Very Soon

Renew! # 276

Words and Music by Andre Crouch

$\text{♩} = 112$



1. Soon and ve - ry soon, we are going to see the King; soon and ve - ry soon,
2. No more dy - ing there, no more dy - ing there,
3. Soon and ve - ry soon, soon and ve - ry soon,
we are going to see the King; Soon and ve - ry soon, we are
No more dy - ing there, soon and ve - ry soon,
going to see the King; hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
lu - jah! We're going to see the King!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am

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