



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25 September, 2022

We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation. Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.

We acknowledge the sovereign country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.

Outline of Today's Service from

A Prayer Book for Australia

[Eucharist Setting Together in Song 757
and Hymns 10 am Service only]

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The Collect

Readings Jeremiah 32: 1—3a,6—15
 Psalm 91: 1—6,14—16
 1 Timothy 6: 6—19
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Today's Ministries

8 am	Reader	
10 am	Reader	R. Adams
	Server	P. Johnson
	Cantor	P. Johnson
	Intercessor	C. Adams
	Welcome /	J. Williams
	Offertory	P. Williams
	Morning Tea	R. Adams
		C. Adams



From the Vicar

In our Gospel this week we continue the theme of sovereignty that has flowed through the readings recently. The question today is about who is sovereign, and over what does that person and/or institution have sovereignty or authority?

In the last week we have been watching from afar at the end of one reign in England and the beginning of another. Across the Commonwealth, nations and institutions have responded to the requirements of protocol as applies to such events.

One of the many questions this situation has asked us to consider is just what is our relationship with the Sovereign and how are we to negotiate this relationship now and going forward? This is not a political question, but a spiritual one. It does not just relate to this situation of the change of Sovereign in London, but in those relationships in life where we share our personal sovereignty with others – individuals and institutions.

In Luke's story Jesus suggests that we are required to traverse this sometimes complex terrain of who and what has authority or power over us, what that power is, whether that power is legitimate and how we can carve out space for our own personal sovereignty. The truth is we do this from the day we are born and rarely give it any thought, yet we should.

This story and the pageantry playing out in London is a suitable reminder that we need to maintain our awareness of just who is in charge and to whom we give away our sovereignty.

Glenn

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris>
go to Videos on left side of screen

Tuesday 27 September

9 am **Morning Prayer In the Church
& Live Streamed**

Wednesday 28 September

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 29 September

9 am **Morning Prayer In the Church
& Live Streamed**

7.30 pm **No Choir Practice until 6 October**

Sunday 2 October — Live streamed

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 2 October

Lamentations 1: 1—6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1: 1—14

Luke 17: 5—10

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Intercessions

For the church:

The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Armidale; St Stephen's Gardenvale; City on a Hill Geelong; St Matthew's Ashburton – 75th anniversary; St George's East Ivanhoe – Choral Evensong Celebration 50th anniversary of ordination of Noel Whale; St Peter's Craigieburn; St Michael's & St Luke's North Dandenong; Christ Church Berwick – Confirmation Service.

Departed

Evan Wetherell, Irene Peddle, George Ellis, Peter Stephens,

Folks,

With the growing uptick of Covid perhaps it's appropriate to follow the recommendations in this VicGov doc to wear masks inside. I have copied the relevant section for the pew bulletin

Where face masks are recommended

We strongly recommend wearing a mask if you:

- are in an indoor setting
- can't physically distance, such as at entry or exit points to large events
- have any COVID-19 symptoms, or are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>

From the Organist

Well, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* was written by a Free Church of Scotland minister, Walter Chalmers Smith. The Free Church of Scotland movement is different to the one mentioned in the recent oaths of ascension by Charles, although the overarching goal is the same: to keep the King and the Pope out of church affairs.

The movement that Walter was involved in started as a protest against the patronage system, the common practice of the rich landowners selecting local ministers even contrary to popular opinion. It's something that the Scottish Parliament had legislated but that the House of Lords had reinstated. That happened a few times.

The movement was legal, protracted and at times blood was shed, but ultimately the Free Kirk won and ministers could not be 'patronised', so to speak. Some of that success was due to moral imperative I'm sure, but surely the rest is down to the fierce persistent pragmatism of the Scottish people.

Daniel Brace

FUN AND FUNDS NIGHT

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who helped to make the night a success and secondly thank you to those who came to enjoy the evening—it couldn't have happened without you.

We raised \$1,005 on the night which was wonderful.

Thanks again.

Helen Rejm

MEN OF GLENBURTON

At the next MOG meeting retired school teacher Ken James will provide a presentation about Ellis Bankin - School teacher by profession, adventurer by inclination. The talk will cover Ellis's teaching especially at rural one teacher schools, as well as his travel adventures both in Australia and overseas. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome. The meeting will be held on Monday 26 September commencing at 7:30pm and will be in the church. Please advise Dick Adams if you would like to join us by phone or emailing rcadams@westnet.com.au



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Tuesday 11 October 2022

16:00 — 18:00

(Eastern Australian Time—Sydney)

Organiser

glennloughrey@gmail.com

Guests



Today's reading from St Luke relates to us the story often known as *Dives* (which is Latin for 'the rich man') and *Lazarus* (which means 'the one whom God has helped'). It is the story of a rich man without compassion and a beggar. The story is a warning to get things in order before it is too late. Lazarus is accepted into the 'bosom of Abraham' – the founder of God's covenant people. *Abraham's bosom* was a contemporary Jewish term for the lodging place of the godly dead prior to the expected general resurrection. But it was Lazarus was rescued by God. But for all his expensive clothing (purple cloth and fine linen were top-of-the-line couture) the rich man found himself with a permanent impassable gulf between Sheol and the unending joy of heaven. His money wasn't the problem: his indifference in the face of suffering was. As the theologian Chris Haslam notes, 'Every Jew knew the Old Testament laws commanding the compassionate use of riches, so the rich man had no excuse for his wanton neglect of one whom he saw regularly (vv. 20-21) and could have helped easily.'

- Jesus Christ, lover of the poor, let me see the needy through your eyes. Let me offer as much help as I can. Help me always to be kind.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council. Text: Robert McLean © Anglican Board of Mission, 2022

St. Oswald's presents

SING! SING! SING! **The Melbourne Singers**

Sunday 9 October 2022 at 2.00pm

St. Oswald's Church, 100 High Street, Glen Iris, 3146



A mix of beautiful songs in a variety of styles by this great
Melbourne choir led by Musical Director Ian Lowe
Guest Artist and Accompanist John Keuneman
Guest Artist Sidra Nissen

Tickets: Adult \$ 25, Concession \$20, Student \$5
Tickets at the door or enquiries to Judy Johnson 0417 315 542

Monies raised through the concert provide on-going support and parish contributions to music, Kids Hope and indigenous education programs in local schools, and the Community Welcome Garden development. St. Oswald's is truly grateful for all your contributions to these important causes.

www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au

Visit to Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne

Cnr Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive Cranbourne 3977

Saturday 8th October

Meet at 12pm at the Visitors Centre - there is no entry charge for the gardens

We will have lunch at the Bushland Picnic area, but please bring chairs.

We will have afternoon tea at the cafe on site, but I need to know numbers to make a booking.

There is a guided bus tour available hourly for non-walkers with a charge of \$15 or \$12 seniors.

Please advise Bill if you are coming. Transport can be provided if needed.

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St. Oswald's Indigenous Strategy

It was wonderful to see so many people stay after the service last Sunday and have such a respectful conversation about racism and its roots which followed on from Glenn's sermon and his own personal experiences.

It is really important that we understand the background to The Statement Of the Heart, and the four important elements of the Voice, Treaty, Truth Telling and Makaratta as we head towards some form of referendum in Australia.

There are many opportunities to learn more about this whole matter, including reading Glenn's books and talking to Glenn about some of the many activities with which he is involved, including the big water project at ANU.

Some more opportunities for learning and involvement are coming with a series of cultural intelligence workshops with Uncle Shane Charles, Glenn Loughrey, other First Nation leaders and allies.

They are entitled: **Turruk– Trust Building Through Truth Telling & Deep Listening - Initiatives of Change**

During this Turruk, consisting of 5 separate sessions, First Nations leaders will be exploring the impact of the Uluru Statement from the Heart as a model for change. Australians have a 'once in a generation' opportunity to vote in a referendum and support constitutional change for a First Nations Voice. What does this change mean? How might it address First Nations justice and unite our nation?

Sessions are to be held on Wednesdays 19 October - 16 November 2022
10 am -1 pm AEDT

For details go to www.au.iofc.org/turruk or contact Initiatives of Change Australia in Toorak.

Peter Johnson

Gathering in God's Name

Processional Hymn TiS 143

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart –
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

*Walter Chalmers Smith
1824 – 1908 alt.*

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Welcome The Reverend Canon Associate Professor Glenn Loughrey

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

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Sentence

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.

James 5.16

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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**

**Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

**O God,
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that in your light we may see light,
and in your narrow path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

(Please sit)

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

[Jeremiah 32:1—3a, 6—15]

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord : I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁶ Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord , and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord . ⁹ And I bought the

field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1—6, 14—16

Simon Lesley

You are my God in whom I trust.

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Cantor:

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

² Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

R

³ For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

R

⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶ Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

R

¹⁴ Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.

R

¹⁵ They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,

¹⁶ I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

With long life will I satisfy them

and show them my salvation.

R

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy

[1 Timothy 6: 6—19]

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good

works, generous, and ready to share,¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Please stand



Gospel Acclamation: Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
To make you rich out of his poverty//

The Gospel

[Luke 20:19—26]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. ²¹ So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. ²² Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ²³ But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, ²⁴ "Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's." ²⁵ He said to them, "Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²⁶ And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon *(please sit)*

Please stand

The Profession of Faith

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of Approach

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he is us. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

All stand and the Greeting of Peace is given by the Priest.

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 594

**Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside; and on thy Guide
lean, and his mercy will provide,
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear, his arm is near;
he changes not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell
1981 - 75*

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The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

**Blessed are you,
Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving 2

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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You call us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body
for we all share in the one bread.

Please sit or kneel

Agnus Dei **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.
The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people come forward to receive Communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen.**

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

After Communion

Priest: Let us pray

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for your pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love,
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Who would true valour see,
let them come hither,
those here will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent
each from a vowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Those who beset them round
with dismal stories
cannot the brave confound:
their strength the more is.
No lion can them fright,
they'll with a giant fight,
but each will have a right
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt their spirit:
they know they at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away,
they'll scorn what people say,
and each work night and day
to be a pilgrim.

*John Bunyan
1628 – 88 alt*

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The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

The Blessing

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

