

# Renewal of Vows and Blessing of the Oil for Chrismation Fourth Sunday in Lent

*March 14, 2021*

*10:00 a.m.*

*hosted and live-streamed by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church,  
Liverpool, New York*

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## **Prelude**

*"Largo" from Symphony No. 9 ("From the New World"),* Antonín Dvořák  
*strings: Jennifer Bearup, St. Matthew's Liverpool*

*"Come ye sinners, poor and needy"* Tune: Bryn Calfaria by William Owen,  
arr. Joan J. Pinkston  
*Piano: John Isenberg, All Saints', Johnson City*

*"Jesus paid it all"* Tune: All to Christ by John T. Grape, arr. Lloyd Larson.  
*piano: Vincent Lee, Ss. Peter & John, Auburn*

## **Welcome**

## **Opening Hymn**

*"Forty days and forty nights"* The Hymnal 1982 #150  
*Cyber Choir of St. John's, Ithaca: Matthew Stedinger, Jerome Fung, Mike Roman,  
Cranford R. Thoburn, Sara Van Looy, Connie Stirling-Engman, Mary Beth James, Josette  
Garrison, Sally Clayton, Baobao Zhang, Amelia Paulson, Beverly Way, Ben Dean, and Mtr.  
Megan Castellan; Karen Hindenlang, organist and director of music*  
*Harmonization (v. 3&5) by T. Terius Noble, Copyright ©1984, Alfred Music, all rights reserved, used by permission.*

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody alt. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## Opening Sentence

*Bishop* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

## Confession of Sin

*Bishop* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Bishop & People together

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
 opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
 the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Bishop* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **Invitatory and Psalter**

*Bishop* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.  
*People* **And your glory all the day long.**

*Bishop & People together:*

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

*Bishop* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

### **Invitatory Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth  
your saving health among all nations.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22      Confitemini Domino**

*led by Col. Todd Bajakian, Trinity, Watertown*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

*Bishop & People together:*

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

**The Lessons**

**First Reading** Numbers 21:4-9

*read by Reuben Ramdath, St. Matthew's, Liverpool*

A reading from the Book of Numbers:

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

*“Lord who throughout these forty days”*

The Hymnal 1982 #142

*Virtual Choir of St. Matthew’s, Liverpool: Andrea Corasantini, Debbie Miller, James Bearup; directed by Jennifer Bearup*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
 5 A - bidde with us, that so, this life of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bidde.  
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day’s Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

**Second Reading** Ephesians 2:1-10

*read by Bailey Regan,  
The Episcopal Chaplaincy at Cornell*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

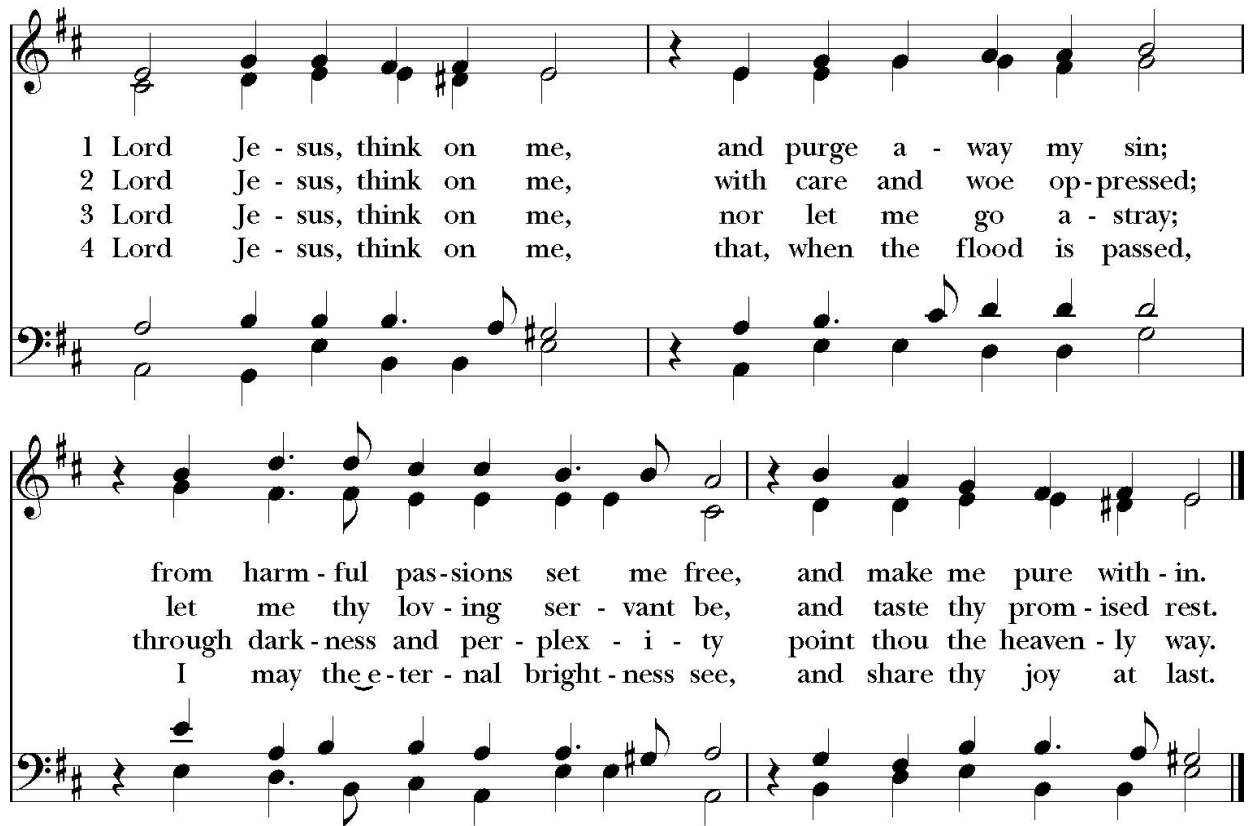
*"Lord Jesus think on me"*

The Hymnal 1982 #641

*Virtual Choir of St. James', Skaneateles:*

*Kip Coerper, Michael S. Larkin, Diane Boden, Stephen Osborne, Carrie Chantler, Susanne Rynkiewicz, Jane, Gilly, Judy Holmes; Directed, accompanied, and produced by Kip Coerper (Organist/Choirmaster) and Michael S. Larkin (Director of Contemporary Music and Technology)*

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1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,  
 from harm - ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.  
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt. Music: *Southwell*, from *Daman's Psalter*; 1579; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

## The Gospel John 3:14-21

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

## Choir Anthem

*“Ave Maria”*

Franz Biebl

*Worldwide Virtual Choir produced by Vincent Johns-Lee, Ss. Peter & John, Auburn.*

*Choristers: Tom Adams, Jenny Anderson, Alex Benner, Kim Brown, Rachel Browne, Daryl Browne, Kip Coerper, German Cortes, Joseph Cruz, Dillon Davie, Kyle Eryka de Guia, Ken Dover, Gerry Gruber, Elizabeth Guy, Charles Johns-Lee, Robert Kahvoit, Laura Kee, Ravi Kumar, Peter Lafford, Jamie Lamb, Dang Nabiula Lambert, Michael Larkin, Brenten Megee, Jose Muniz, Bill Sinn, Sneha Avinly Sridhar, Jeff Stark, Tim Stevenson, Dang Nabiula Thomas, Dan Thomas*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*People* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

*People* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

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



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.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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.**

## The Renewal of Ordination Vows

*Bishop* Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?  
*Clergy* **I do.**

Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?  
*Clergy* **I do.**

Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?  
*Clergy* **I do.**

Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

*Clergy*    **I do.**

*The Bishop then makes this affirmation.*

And now, as your bishop, I, too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask your prayers.

*The Bishop and clergy then say together*

**May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.**

**Hymn**

*“Take my life and let it be”*

The Hymnal 1982 #707  
*Virtual Choir of St. Matthew’s, Liverpool*

*Please see music on following page.*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## The Blessing of the Oil for Chrismation

*Bishop* Dear Friends in Christ: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered faithful people to serve. As a sign of that gift, the priests and rulers of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray.

*Silence.*

*The Bishop then consecrates the oil of Chrism, saying:*

Eternal God, whose blessed son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

*Clergy will be informed of plans for distribution of the oil of Chrism by email.*

## The Prayers

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

**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.**

*Bishop*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Everliving God, in every generation you cause fresh winds to renew, refresh, and refine your people and in your Word summon us to live courageously as Easter people in an often Good Friday world. Provoke us in our own day to make no peace with oppression; that boldly following the example of your servant Barbara Clementine Harris, chosen bishop in your church, we may strive not for ease or fame but gladly toil and walk with you all along our pilgrim journey; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*led by Stephanie Nevels, St. John's, Ithaca*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

**Hear our prayers for the church.**

*Silence — Add your prayers.*

God of freedom, we pray for our nation and our leaders, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

**Hear our prayers for the world.**

*Silence — Add your prayers.*

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects all people and guards the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

*Silence — Add your prayers.*

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders and public servants; for our schools, colleges and universities; for our hospitals, clinics, and eldercare facilities; for our neighborhoods, markets, and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

*Silence — Add your prayers.*

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing, and for those who mourn; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

*Silence — Add your prayers.*

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the 500,000 lost to the pandemic in this country; for Breonna Taylor, who was murdered in her home one year ago yesterday; for the military personnel and public servants who have given their lives in service to our nation; for the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Silence — Add your prayers.*

*The Bishop offers a concluding prayer:*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Bishop and 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.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop*

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

## Closing Hymn

*"I the Lord of sea and sky" (Here I am, Lord)*

Wonder, Love & Praise #812

*Virtual Choir of St. James', Skaneateles:*

*Kip Coerper, Michael S. Larkin, F. Brian Hidy, Beckie Hidy, Diane Boden, Stephen Osborne, Carrie Chantler, Marie Hughes, Susanne Rynkiewicz, Jane, Gilly, Judy Holmes, Attilio De Falco, John Helgren; Directed, accompanied, and produced by Kip Coerper (Organist/Choirmaster) and Michael S. Larkin (Director of Contemporary Music and Technology)*

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## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"Christ has no hands but ours"*

Hal Hopson, text by St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582

*Cyber Choir of St. John's, Ithaca*

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*"Now quit your care"*

The Hymnal 1982 #145

*piano: Ann Pontius, St. Paul's, Waterloo*



*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

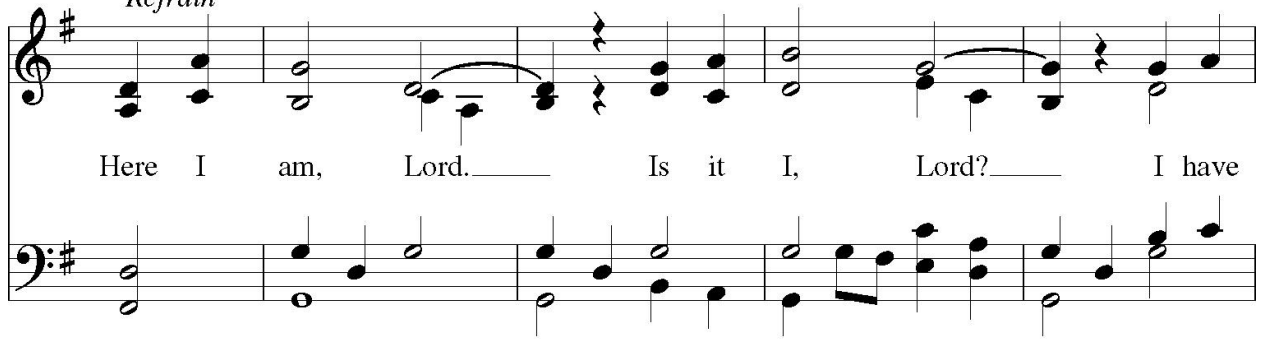
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. 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*



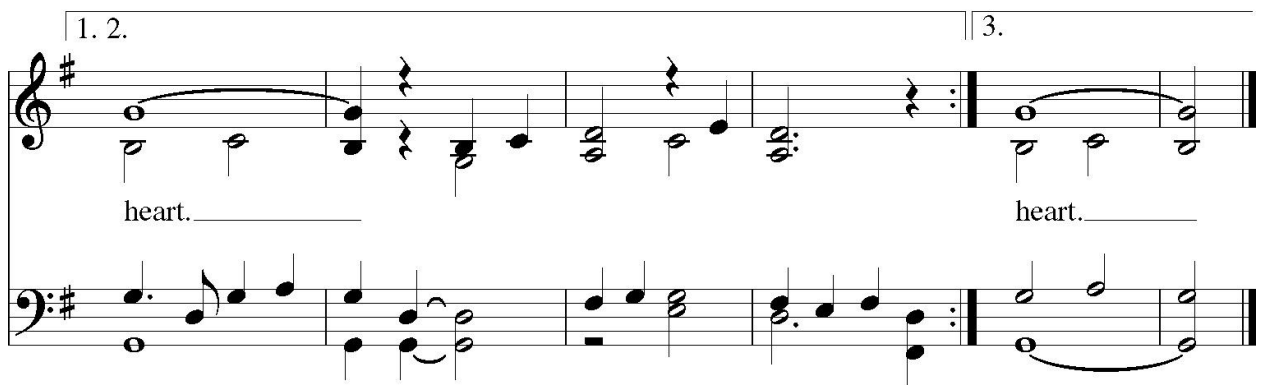
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



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. heart. 3. heart.

Thank you to all who participated in the service!

Officiant	The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe <i>The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York</i>
Clergy	The Rev. Deacon Kay Drebert <i>Christ Episcopal Church, Binghamton</i> <i>&amp; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bainbridge</i>
	The Rev. Paul Frolick <i>St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Liverpool</i>
	The Rev. Kathlyn Schofield <i>ret.</i>
In-person responder	Lee Wakefield
Production	Henry Wakefield Meredith Kadet Sanderson