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## The Steeple



March 17, 2021

## The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Ora et Labora



Prayer and work is a healthy rhythm of life, don't you think? At certain moments one posture may take over the other, however, in balance they complement each other well. Periodically, I find myself having to rearrange my priorities to serve balance rather than one individual posture as I am sure you do too. Sometimes we do this during particular seasons like Lent. At other times reprioritizing is brought on by a particular situation. Whatever the case maybe, I want to support you in that endeavor and

hope that you will choose to harness the power of this community in your walk in faith by reaching out to those around you when the awareness within you arises.

Lean into that awareness my friends.

At times, rebalancing is rather difficult because the desire to put more energy into one posture or the other is extremely intense. And so, I give thanks for the many ways in which the Episcopal tradition offers us several avenues of opportunity as well as return. Whether this is through the offices, the mass, or through our own personal practices supported through community, two things remain certain: we all need each other and we are better together.

As the Lenten season intensifies, I am reminded of the great arc of our collective journey - of always trying to lean into the mystery that is Easter in our lives and the path immediately before us that will take us to the threshold of the cross and beyond. In this season, through this mystery, and upon that threshold is also the living of our lives and all that comes with that. Seen separately it is a bit overwhelming, however, I don't believe we are meant to see them as separate. We all desire "wholeness." And, one possible way to reach that wholeness is through the invitation of integration of what is spiritual with what is routine – by integrating our vocation and our practice.

How we respond to this invitation to integration shapes, interprets, and ultimately infuses the time we have been given with the energy of a particular pattern. You've heard it before, "Take time to breathe. Take time to escape. Take time to pray. Take time to connect." All these suggestions are holistic, but they also require a give and a take. All of these suggestions have a great deal to do with balance and the awareness that we are constantly oscillating between prayer and work. And all of these suggestions fall under the principle of not being able to add more time to a given day.

The cycle of our lives will continue to adapt and change. Life is never static. And as the season changes from Lent to Easter may we remain expectant, hopeful, and willing to continue to live into the invitation of integrating the pattern of prayer and work that shapes who we are in each other and in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Fr. Nick+

# COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask
- 2) Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.
- 3) Follow the pew seating guidelines.
- 4) Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."



## The Celebration in Pictures

Our Celebration of New Ministry last month was a festive event to celebrate the arrival of Fr. Nick and for him to be formally invested by the Diocese as our new rector. It also was a time for church members to celebrate one another...for all of us to rejoice that our family of faith stayed strong in face of the enormous challenges of the year past. Moreover, this event celebrated the future...a future now infused with optimism as Fr. Nick walks with us to wherever God leads us.

Dozens of photos of the celebration were taken by Sarah Smith, director of media and technology for the Diocese. If you're viewing this Steeple electronically, <u>CLICK HERE</u> for a sampling of photos. They also are accessible from the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u> (episcopalbartlesville.org).







## Emily Update and Thank you

Thanks to generous donations, Emily's attorney fee balance has been reduced from \$1,631.15 to \$817. However, the attorneys have also asked for a new

retainer of \$2,500.

Emily began a course at 2020. To raise needed table runners in Easter and zippered cosmetic Luke's.

And, yard sales at Roseresumed at 1328 S.



Martha's Task in late funds, Emily is offering prints, \$10, masks, \$6, bags, \$5, at a table at St.

anne McKee's house have Cherokee Ave. on March

20, April 3 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. If you are doing spring cleaning, donated items are welcome and can be left on Roseanne's screened-in porch.

Although we've learned the Bartlesville Farmers Market doesn't have any crafter spaces available, Roots & Blooms Floral Design at 101 SE Frank Phillips Blvd. does sell items by local crafters. So, look for Emily's sewn items at Roots & Blooms and at SunFest.

Emily wishes to extend a special thanks to St. Luke's for their prayers and support, which are making a real difference in the lives of Emily and her children.



## **Regular Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol.

If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212.

## Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

### Thursday, March 25

10:45 am – 1 pm: Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen, Jeff Birk

## Thursday, April 8

10:45 am – 1 pm: Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary



## St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found in the bulletin, which follows this newsletter in the Prayers of the People section.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

#### **Bereavement Team 1**

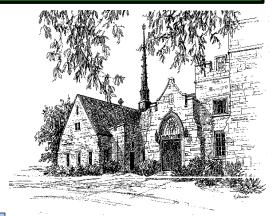
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

## Planning to attend the upcoming 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday service?

If you have a standing reservation, and will not be attending, let the office know. And, if you've not been attending regularly in-person – Reserve your spot by emailing to <a href="mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org">office@episcopalbartlesville.org</a> or by calling 918-336-1212.

## Alert on solicitations...

Be aware — No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



## March Birthdays and Anniversaries, 13<sup>th</sup> – 24th Birthdays Anniversaries

Helen Thomas, 13<sup>th</sup>
Paul Stuart, 15<sup>th</sup>
Nick Bonham, 20<sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Bridendolph, 20<sup>th</sup>
Anneke Borg, 21<sup>st</sup>
Nick Conner, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Steve & Cheryl Van Aken, 13<sup>th</sup>
Walter & Donna Allison, 15<sup>th</sup>
David & Emily Nelson, 15<sup>th</sup>
Bruce & Mary Ramzel, 16<sup>th</sup>
Bill Pendley & Camden Campbell,18<sup>th</sup>

If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!



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## Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: <a href="http://episcopalbartlesville.org/">http://episcopalbartlesville.org/</a>

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

## Organ Prelude

Celebrant

Opening Hymn: #577 "God is Love, and Where True Love Is" See page 11

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### Psalm 51:1-13

## Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \* in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \* and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \* and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \* and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \* a sinner from my mother's womb.

- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \* and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \* wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \* and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \* and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

#### Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";
as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sequence Hymn: G #159 "Deep Within" See page 12

## The Gospel John 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for

the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Nick Phares

#### The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

One 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

## The Prayers of the People

#### Celebrant

Almighty God we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life and for the time that we have been given.

#### Intercessor

We come before you our loving and gracious God, asking that your Grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips.

## Write your word on our hearts Lord.

That we may do your will as we praise your name. We pray for our spiritual leaders that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship.

## Write your word on our hearts Lord.

That we may support the leadership of this nation in the pursuit of peace and justice.

## Write your word on our heart Lord.

That with compassion we may respond to the needs of the world, our neighbors both near and far.

## Write your word on our heart Lord.

That we may speak comfort to those who suffer in any way and offer hope to those who grieve. We pray especially for: **Milton** Enderlin, **Mary** Gillett, **Linda** Piper, **Terry** Piper, **Leaona** Dobbs, **Connie** Woods, **Tracy** Dobbs, **Liz** Green, **Matt** French, **Shellie** Greggs, **Suzanne** Reed, **Emily** DeGraffenried, **Joseph** Louis, **Lynetta** Jackson, **Lorrie** Loy, **Kyle** Frohlic, **Matt** French, **Michelle** Sheffield, **Catherine** Sheffield, **Sydney & Ed** Beasley, **Rob** Boyle, **Marcia** Zervas,

Aaron Williams, Luke Karel, Ada Grillot, Kaye McGinty, Annie Harris, Bruce, Clara, Peggy, Joe, Sandra, Helen, Kristin, and Scott.

## Write your word on our heart Lord.

That we may live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips.

## Write your word on our heart Lord.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements: Father Nick Phares** 

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Hymn: #335 "I Am the Bread of Life" See page 13

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel.

#### Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

## Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

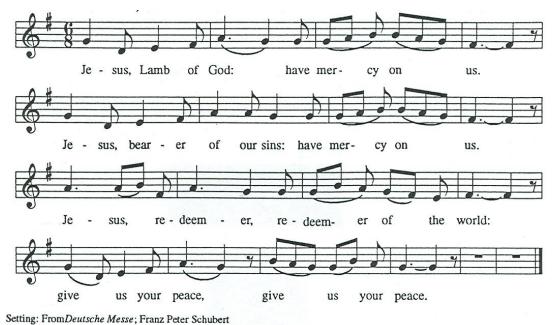
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

## Celebrant and People

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*.



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### **Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

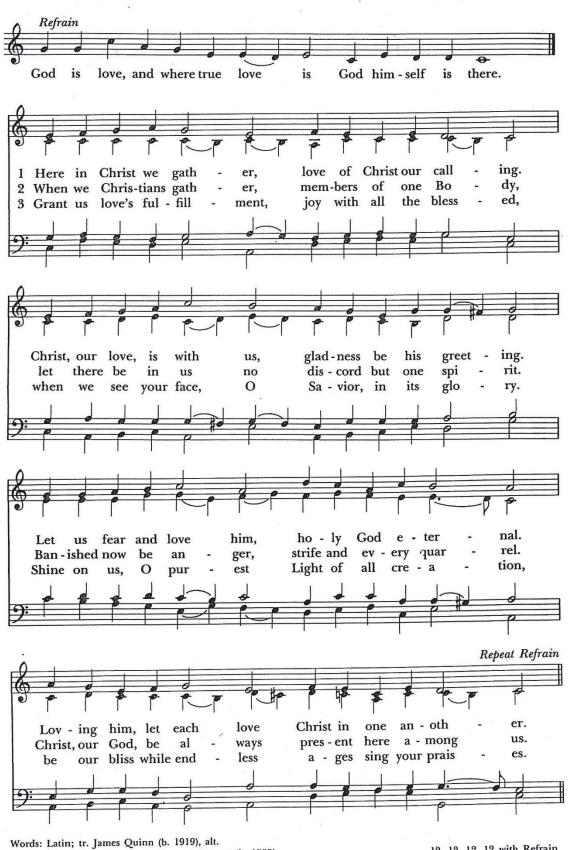
## Blessing

Recessional Hymn: "Go Forth for God"

Dismissal

Celebrant: The Rev. Nick Phares
Organist: Dolores McCreary
Usher: Jim Liehr
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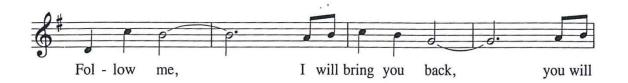
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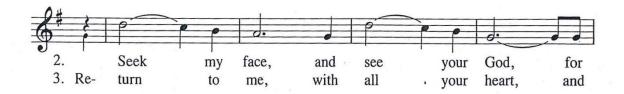


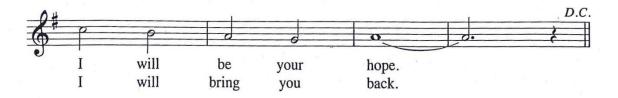




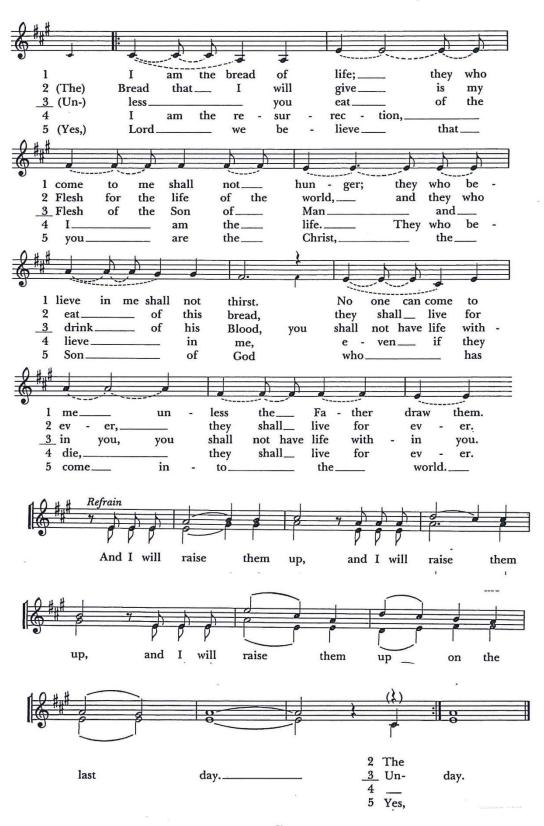








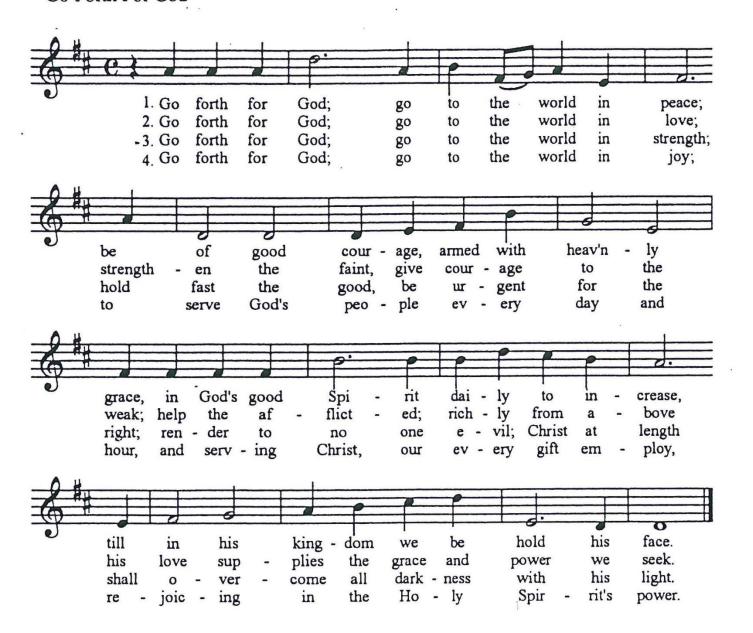
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Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); adapt. of John 6 Music: I Am the Bread of Life, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928)

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## Go Forth For God



Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)

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