



Metropolitan New York Synod
2021 assembly | we are church together

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY WITH INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Saturday in the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost
August 21, 2021 ✠ 2:00 p.m.

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks, concluding:

...be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain, sung by Assembly



Verses sung by soloist

*1. Oh God, heavenly ruler, source of life for all
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory...Refrain*

*2. The one Jesus Christ, the only child of God,
Takes away our sins, the sovereign lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of our Father,
Receive our prayer...Refrain*

*3. For you're the holy one,
You alone the heir.
You alone are the most high Jesus,
With the Holy Spirit.
In the glory of God, our Mother, our Father. Amen. Amen...Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The prayer concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

READING ✦ EXODUS 13:17-22

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, “If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, “God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.” They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The LORD went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Word of God, word of life.

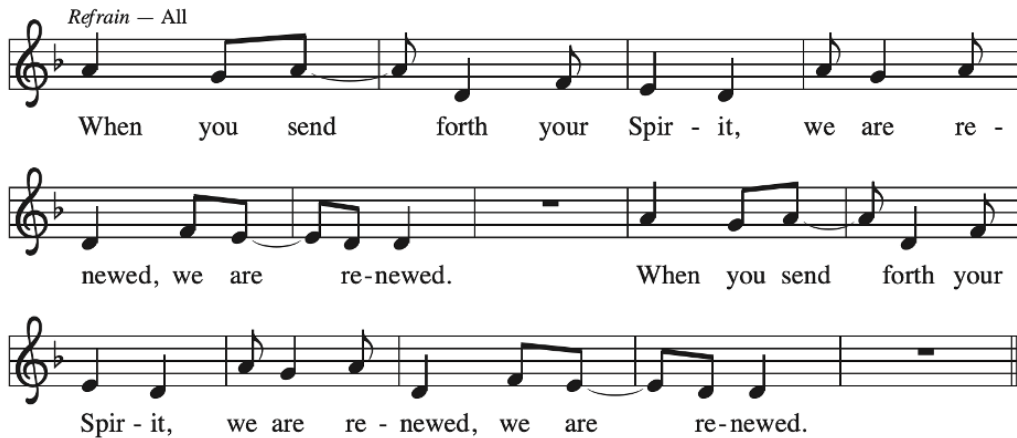
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104

The refrain is sung by all.

The verses, a paraphrase of the psalm, are sung by the cantors

Refrain — All



When you send forth your Spir - it, we are re -
newed, we are re-newed. When you send forth your
Spir - it, we are re - newed, we are re-newed.

*Manifold your works, O God of might:
Maker of the earth, the air, the light.
Waters great and wide and all therein,
creatures that abide, let life begin. **Refrain***

*When we look to you to give us food,
you open your hand, fill us with good.
When you hide your face, we are dismayed;
when you take away our breath, we fade. **Refrain***

*May the glory of our God endure.
May our God be glad, be strong, be sure.
Unto you, O God, our praise we give:
we will sing your glory while we live. **Refrain***

*Now may evil cease upon the earth;
wickedness no more shall be of worth.
Pleasing God shall be our only goal.
Alleluia! Blest be God, my soul. **Refrain***

READING ✦ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,
“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



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

Verse, sung by cantor



Al - le - lu - ia. *Go therefore and make disciples | of all nations,* baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the | Holy Spirit*

Refrain



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



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

GOSPEL ✦ MATTHEW 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

After the names of those being installed are announced, the bishop addresses the assembly with word from Romans.

The bishop addresses those being installed, after which the assembly is addressed:

People of God, will you support and pray for these Synod Council members in this work?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The bishop addresses those being installed, and leads the assembly in prayer.

Let us pray.

The prayer concludes:

...through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The leader addresses the newly installed, concluding:

...through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers concludes with the response:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is received for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which supports ministers and other rostered leaders in times of crisis or opportunity. Write checks payable to "Metro NY Synod."

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THANKSGIVING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING



¿Quién, quién, quién co - mo Jeho - vá, que con su po -
Who, who, who is like our God, who, with might - y



der el mar a - brió? ¿Quién, quién, quién co - mo Jeho -
hand, did part the sea? Who, who, who is like our



vá, que con su po - der el mar a - brió?
God, who, with might - y hand, did part the sea?



Oi - rán las na - cio - nes lo que él hi - zo;
All the na - tions will hear what God has done for us,



tem - bla - rán cuan - do ve - an sus pro - di gios.
and will trem - ble to see such signs and won - ders.



Su pue - blo le a - la - ba - rá, con pan - de - ro dan - za - rá,
Let God's peo - ple praise and sing, dance with joy and tam - bou - rines.



y di - rán, “¿Quién, quién co - mo Jeho - vá?”
Let them say, “Who, who is like our God?”

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

The thanksgiving includes the following responses:

...For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

...For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

...For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY

Jesus said, You will be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth.

I chose you and appointed you
to bear fruit that will last.

Remember, I will be with you always,
to the end of time.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The prayer concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

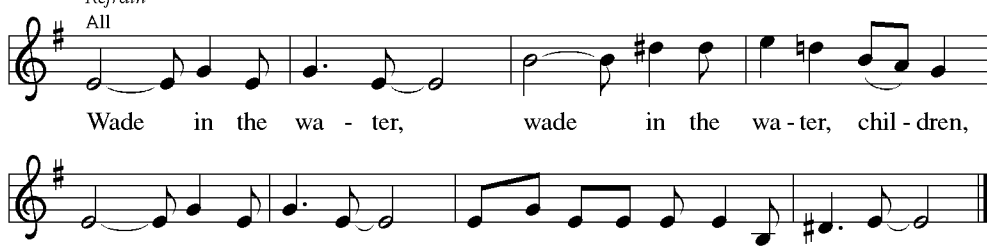
Amen.

I declare this assembly closed
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.


CLOSING HYMN

Refrain
All




Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



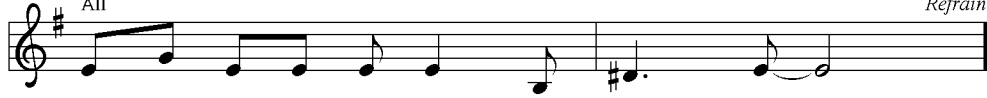
1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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