



**METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Friday in the Third Week of Easter ✠ 1:00 pm

DIALOGUE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

SONG



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor,
and extend to us your continual help;
that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS

The secretary of the Synod Council presents those being installed.

I present *names*, who have been elected to serve on the Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod.

The bishop addresses the assembly:

A reading from Romans: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (*Romans 12:4-8*)

The bishop addresses those being installed.

Will you assume the office to which you have been elected,
and will you endeavor to carry out its duties faithfully,
to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the one holy church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The bishop addresses the assembly.

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

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The bishop addresses those being installed.

The office of synod council member is committed to you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you call your people to service
and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church.
Grant these, your servants, grace and strength,
that they may serve you faithfully to the glory of your name;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The bishop addresses the newly installed.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

CLOSING

Let us pray.

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety
throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the
midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide
us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and
bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus
Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Amen.

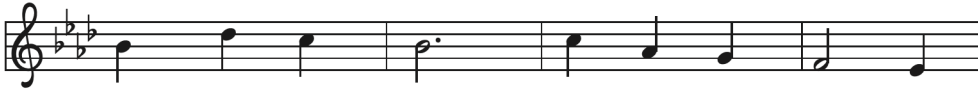
SONG



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!