Retirement Service

Monday, June 4

Singing Together **Ewe Thina (We walk God's Way)** Words and Music traditional South African. Welcome

Psalm 145: 3 - 9

One: The Lord is great and worthy of praise!

All: God's greatness is unsearchable.

Lord God, one generation will praise your works to the next, proclaiming your mighty acts. They will talk all about the glorious splendor of your majesty;

I will contemplate your wondrous works.

They will speak of the power of your awesome deeds; I will declare your great accomplishments.

They will rave in celebration of your abundant goodness; they will shout joyfully about your righteousness:

For God is all mercy and grace— not quick to anger.

God is rich in love.

God is good to one and all;

Everything God does is saturated with grace.

Singing Together

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

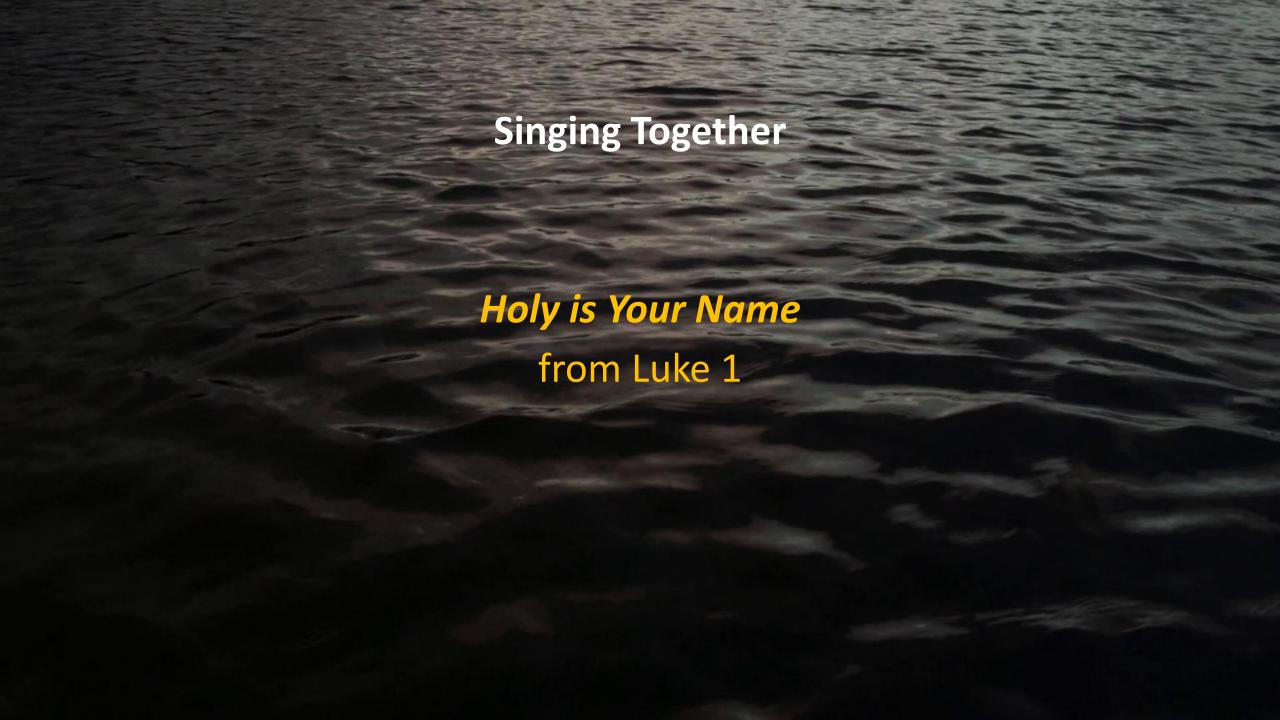
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Twas grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

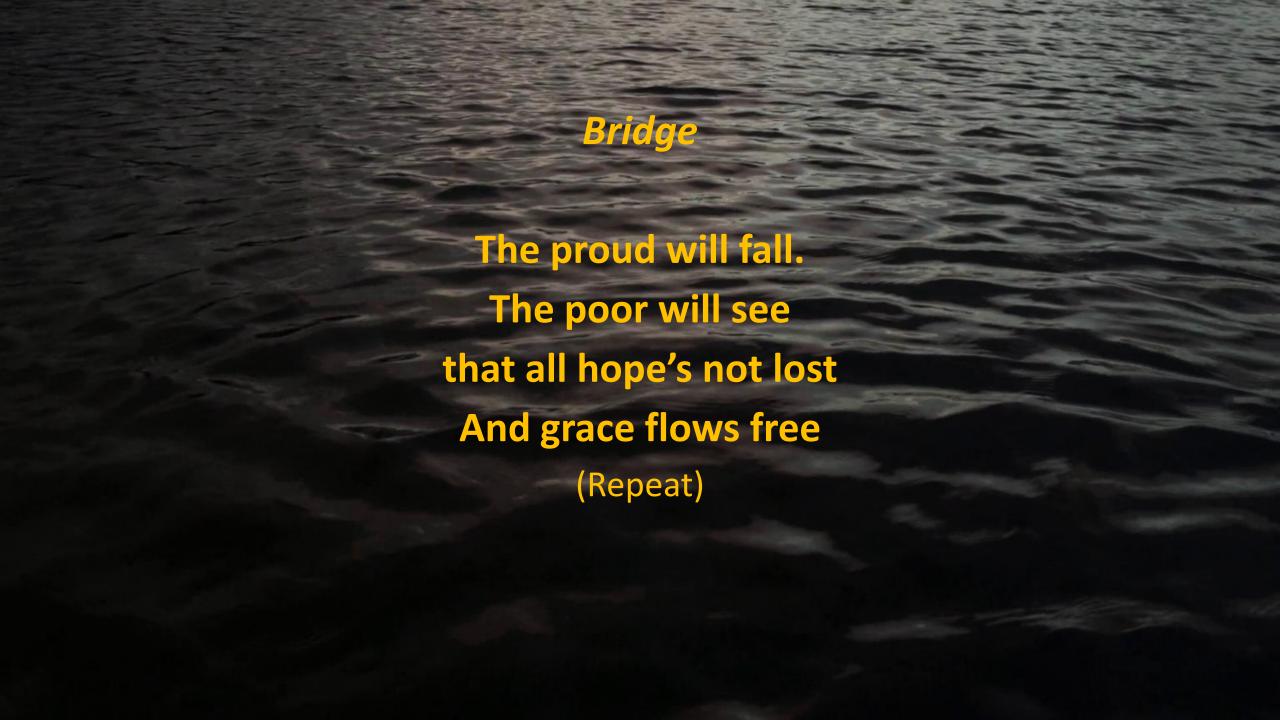
Psalm 145: 10 - 13

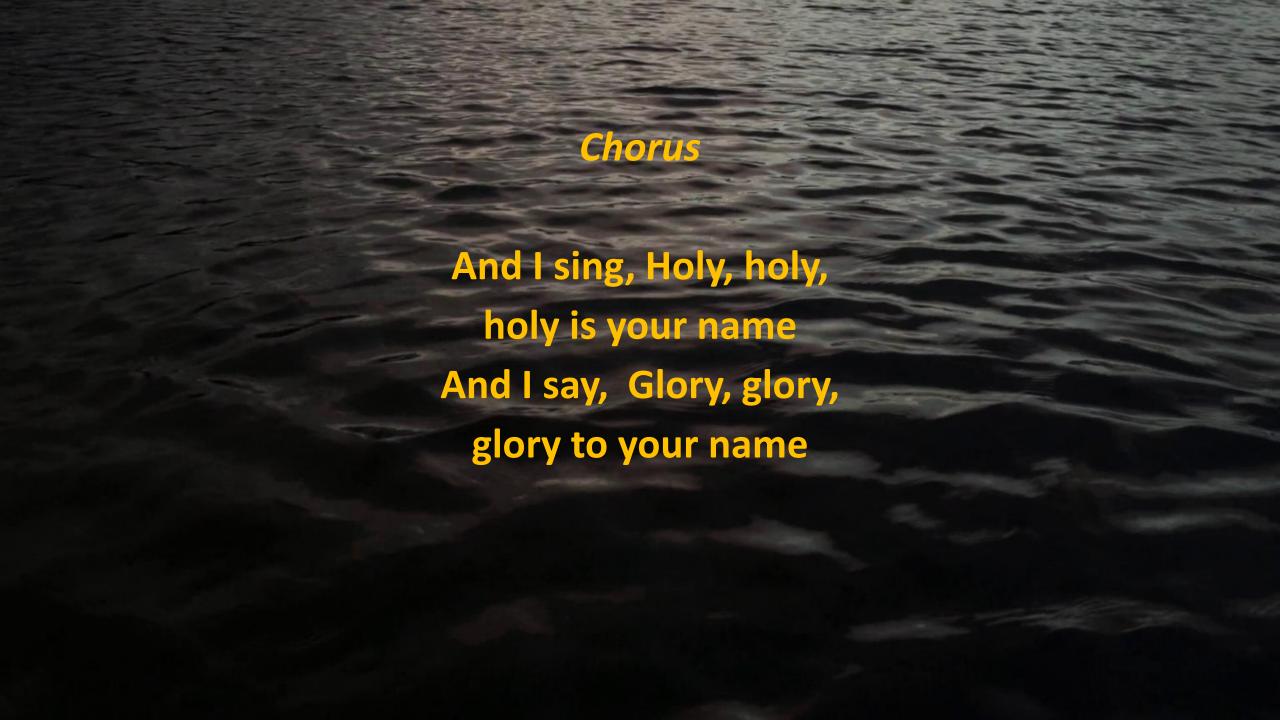
All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people shall bless you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.



Chorus

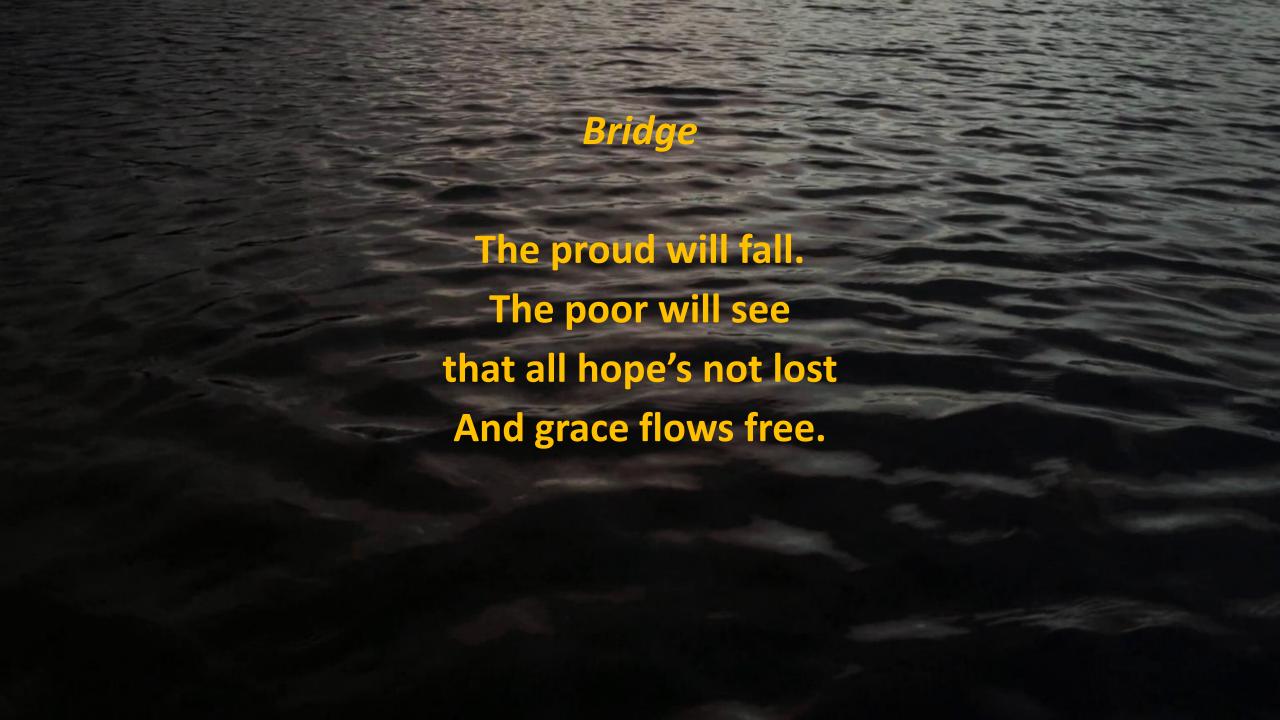
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The angels and the heavens sing
Of the new day that you bring
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Recognition of the Retirees

Bishop:

Retirees and spouses, **please stand**. Beloved friends in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you; and you were charged to love, serve and pray for all the people among whom you worked; caring for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. These things you have done.

All: We give thanks to God for the lives that have been changed through your faithful witness and service.

Bishop:

At your licensing or ordination, you received authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to Order the life of the Church. At your commissioning, you received authority to equip the people of God, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. There were times when the seas were rough and the way unclear, but God's goodness and guidance has seen you through.

All: We give thanks to God for the courage you have shown and the steps of faith you have taken.

Bishop:

Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. And continue to be true to your calling to do justice, love kindness and tomwalk humbly with God. This is a transition, not a finale. This is an opening to new uncharted waters, not the end-of-the-road. May God's love and power be with you always. Let us pray together.

All:

God of grace, you fill your servants with vision. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them as they built your Reign of justice. Give them a sense of your abiding presence that they may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Retiring Class of 2018

Caliendo, Cathryn Deming, Linda K. Dye, Rodney B. Francis, Dean L. Greene, Ronald O. Haley, David Lee Harden, Harlene Holden, David Kelley, Dale McClellan, Scott Allen McCleneghan, Brett William McDonald, Greta Schumm McDonald, James Brian Olumstad, Glenna L. Sheets, Philip Wayne Svendsen, Kent Lowell Tinsely-Taylor, Deborah Walker, Linda

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The Four Questions

1. Was there ever at time you wanted to turn back or abandon ship? How did God help you navigate?

For by the life and death of Jesus,
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

The Four Questions

2. What personal practices helped you be ready to lead in "uncharted waters"?

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

The Four Questions

3. What have you learned to let go of that you thought was essential to ministry? What new thing did you have to learn?

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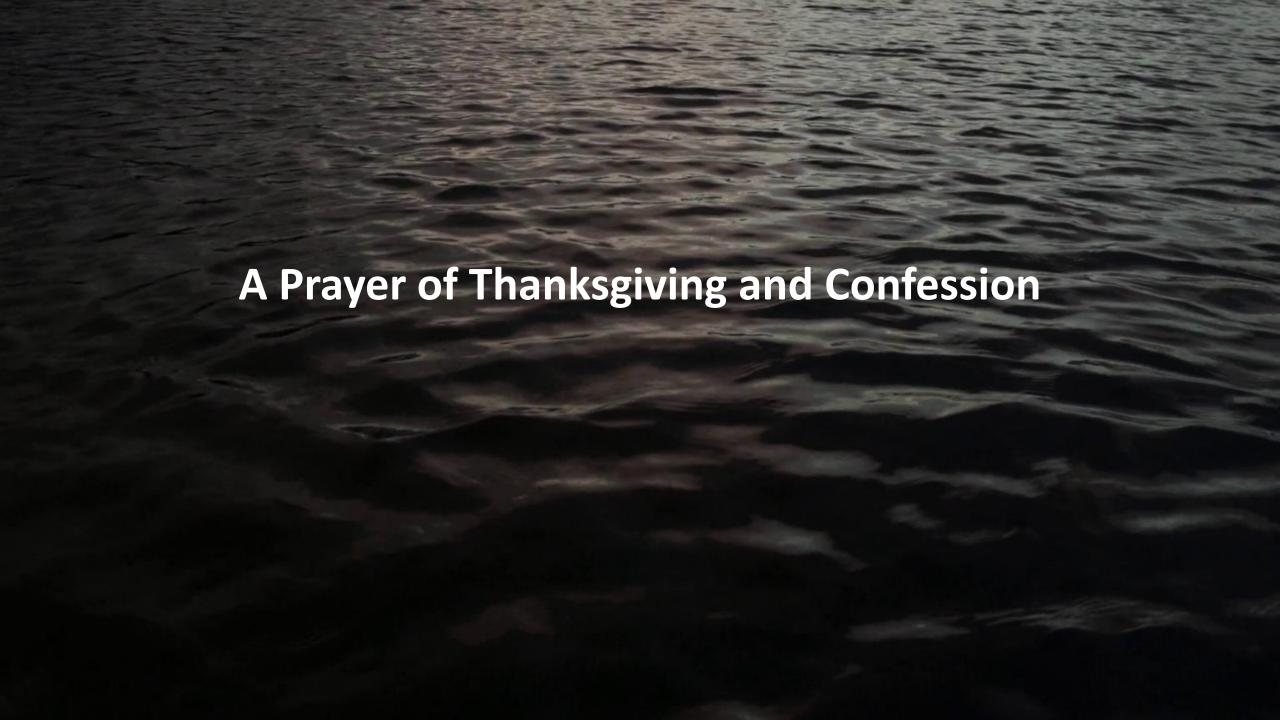
4. What advice do you have for clergy who are in ministry in the midst of "uncharted waters"?

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Psalm 145: 14 - 16

Compassionate God, you uphold all who fall, and raise up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Charge

Bishop: For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven, and today it is your time to set sail again for uncharted waters. As you move toward a new horizon, know that you are sailing upon water where God has always been and will always be. With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley: May the world be your parish.

All:

Go into the world and respond to the love of Christ in all you do. Live out the vision God has given you.

May God's mercy, grace, and peace be with you.

May you be channels for God's mercy, grace, and

peace to the world wherever you may be.

Singing Together

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary.

May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Singing Together

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

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Psalm 145: 17 - 21

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him. in truth.

God fulfills the desire of all who fear him; God hears their cry, and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

With our mouths, we will speak the praise of the Lord, and with all the earth, we will bless God's holy name forever and ever. Amen