



Spirit Worship
Holy Spirit @ Home

September 6, 2020
10:30 A.M.

A large wooden cross is silhouetted against a sunset sky. The cross is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon, where the sun is setting. Below the horizon, there are silhouettes of rolling mountains and hills. A white rectangular box is centered in the middle of the image, containing text.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in worship

Gathering Music: *How Great Thou Art*

How Great Thou Art

Lyrics – Stuart K. Kline

Music – “O Store Gud”

Swedish Folk Tune

Setting – Nathan Hofheins

Performance – Mormon Tabernacle Choir
and the Temple Square Orchestra

<https://youtu.be/j1hVY7bmqsA>

Gathering Music *(continued)*

Battle Hymn of the Republic

<https://youtu.be/hQhTUqL3ZXs>

Lyrics - Julia Ward Howe 1861

Music – “John Brown’s Body”

18th Century American Camp Song

“Gloria” refrain credited to William Steffe c. 1856

Setting - Peter J. Wilhousky

Performance – Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Philadelphia Orchestra
with Eugene Ormandy, conducting



Gathering

Welcome & Announcements
Worship will begin shortly

Gathering Dialogue on this Labor Day weekend

Lord, in the glory of this day
we come to worship reveling in the beauty of your handiwork.

Give us insight this morning into how the work of our hands
is part of the work of your hands, that truly your work becomes our hands.

We join with you in upholding the heavyhearted,
comforting the sorrowful, and calming the anxious.
**As we worship, fill us with deep appreciation for,
and renewed commitment to, our ministry in daily life.**

Gathering *(continued)*

Reluctant as many of us are to freely associate with family and friends, discouraged by the continuing spread of the Covid-19 virus, disheartened by political and social divisions in our society, we look forward to this hour of Word and song, prayer, Communion, and connections.

Gracious God, be among us now.

May we experience and cherish the blessing you offer in Jesus.

Gathering Song: *I Come with Joy*

ELW Hymn 482

Musical Leadership: Vi Ballard, Doreen Micheletti, Dave Rishel

**Verse 1: I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**Verse 3: As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Creating God, ever renewing your earth and its inhabitants,
we lift up all your people in our ministry in daily life.

Jesus in his earthly ministry shared our work and gave purpose to our labor.

Be present with us in our places of employment.

Come to the aid of those who can find no work,
those who toil in unsafe conditions, and those whose labor is exploited.

Inspire retired women and men to invest themselves in meaningful service.

**Give each of us joy in our engagements;
give us work that enhances human dignity
and serves our neighbor honorably, fairly, and humbly.**

Prayer of the Day *(continued)*

Help us see our gifts and labor
as ministries in your stead and for your service;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A large wooden cross is silhouetted against a sunset sky. The cross is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its vertical post extending from the bottom to the top. The horizontal beam is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some clouds. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted mountains or hills. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

Word

God speaks to us in Bible readings,
preaching and song

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-11

Dan Tobey – Reader

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

A reading from Exodus, the 12th chapter.

(When Pharaoh, king of Egypt, refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt, despite the suffering of the Egyptian people from the 10 plagues, the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron.)

“This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Tell the people of Israel that on the tenth day of this month the head of each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for his family to eat.

First Reading *(continued)*

“If any family is too small to eat the whole animal,
they must share it with their next-door neighbors.
Choose either a sheep or a goat,
but it must be a one-year-old male that has nothing wrong with it.
And it must be large enough for everyone to have some of the meat.

Each family must take care of its animal
until the evening of the fourteenth day of the month,
when the animals are to be killed.

First Reading *(continued)*

“Some of the blood must be put on the two doorposts and above the door of each house where the animals are to be eaten. That night the animals are to be roasted and eaten, together with bitter herbs and thin bread made without yeast.

Don't eat the meat raw or boiled.

The entire animal, including its head, legs, and insides, must be roasted.

Eat what you want that night, and the next morning burn whatever is left.

First Reading *(continued)*

“When you eat the meal, be dressed and ready to travel.
Have your sandals on, carry your walking stick in your hand, and eat quickly.
This is the Passover Festival in honor of me, your Lord.”

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Rick Doty – Reader

NRSV

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

The Apostle writes:

Let no debt remain outstanding,
except the continuing debt to love one another,
for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Second Reading *(continued)*

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,”
“You shall not murder,”
“You shall not steal,”
“You shall not covet,”
and whatever other command there may be,
are summed up in this one command:
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Second Reading *(continued)*

Love does no harm to a neighbor.

Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time:

The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,
because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

Second Reading *(continued)*

So let us put aside the deeds of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime,
not in carousing and drunkenness,
not in sexual immorality and debauchery,
not in dissension and jealousy.

Second Reading *(continued)*

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ,
and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

NIV

The Good News from Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus taught his disciples:

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.

If they listen to you, you have won them over.

But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

Gospel *(continued)*

“If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church;
and if they refuse to listen even to the church,
treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Gospel *(continued)*

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

This is the Good News! **Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**



Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

Word in Song: *Jesu, Jesu*

ELW Hymn 708

Musical Leadership: Glenn and Terri Hinderliter

Refrain: **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Verse 3: **These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

Verse 4: **Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with You. *Refrain***

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Affirmation

Let us affirm our mission.

**Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.**

Prayers of the People

Jimmy Lee Werley – Assisting Minister

Drawn together by the compassion of God,
we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition:

O God..., in your mercy, **hear us and help us.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need,
we entrust to your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Respond to God's Gifts

We respond to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. The music is offered as a gift to the glory of God.

During this period of remote church services, you may give your offering by

- (1) using Give by Text (610-981-1312),*
- (2) enrolling in Simply Giving,*
- (3) mailing your check to the church office, 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049*
- (4) navigating to our church's website <https://lchsemmaus.org/stewardship/>,
then clicking on: Give now on-line,*
- (5) downloading our mobile giving app by simply searching for "Give+" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once you have downloaded the app, search on "Lutheran Church of The Holy Spirit". You can immediately donate or choose to set up an account.*

Musical Offering

In Bright Mansions Above

Roland Carter

Lisa Walton, soloist

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Meal

In word and meal,
God's grace feeds us

Holy Communion

You may prepare your communion table at home now.

Following the Words of Institution, the Lord's Prayer and Communion Invitation, the presiding minister will say the words first.

While inspirational communion music is played, you may share in communion.

There will be a slide with the words to say during communion.

Word in Meal for Ministry in Daily Life

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
in all places and at all times and in all our tasks:

in our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields, and our kitchens;

at our tables, our desks, our phones, and computers;

when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising,
following or leading.

**We praise your name with your people on earth
and the multitude of heaven.**

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Holy are you and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ,
who came to be born in the home of a carpenter,
a trade he learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst.

Jesus called out fishermen, tax collectors, and outcasts.

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Jesus healed the servant of a soldier.

He received the support of resourceful women.

**Jesus delegated ministry to his disciples,
empowering all his followers to do his divine work in this world.**

By his suffering, death, and resurrection,

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power of death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

A large wooden cross silhouette is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. The background features a sunset sky with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of mountains and hills are visible against the horizon. A white rectangular box is centered over the cross, containing the text "Words of Institution".

Words of Institution

Word in Meal *(continued)*

And so as baptized and called people,
remembering your mighty work in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves, our daily lives,
and our unique locations for ministry in the world –
homes and hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls –
as a living and holy sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Word in Meal *(continued)*

Come, Holy Spirit,
**and help us to make choices
that lead to life-giving transformation for us and for your world.**

Come, Holy Spirit,
**and make us good stewards who produce abundant fruit
for all in your kingdom. 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.

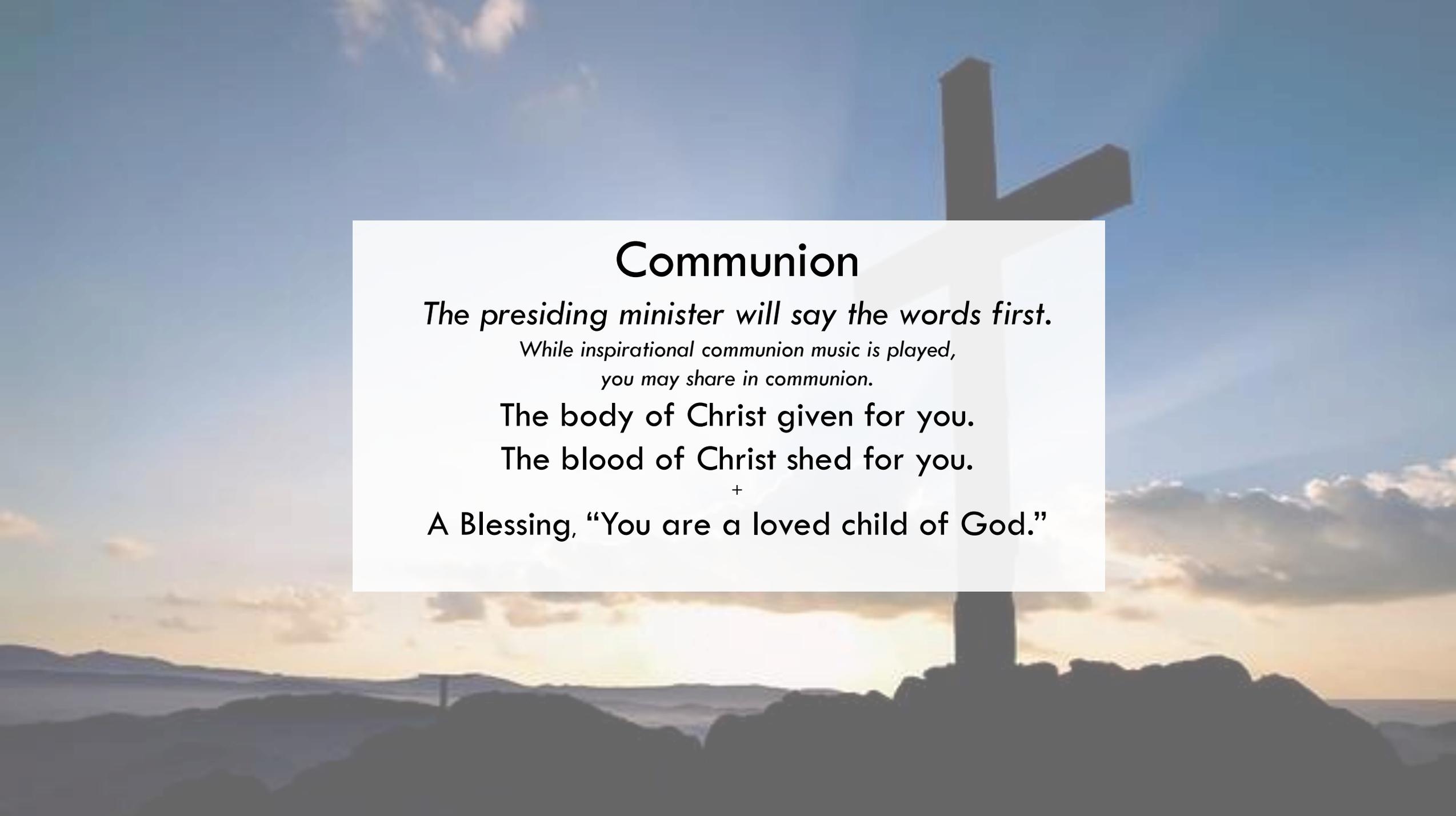
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Sisters and brothers,
taste and see that the Lord is good.

Amen.





Communion

The presiding minister will say the words first.

*While inspirational communion music is played,
you may share in communion.*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

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A Blessing, “You are a loved child of God.”



Sending

God blesses us
and sends us in mission to the world.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine Jesus is present
to live in us as we grow in humility and courage.

May your Word come to life in our serving and in our witness,
that we may speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve our God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty and merciful God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Musical Leadership: Jon Satrom

ELW Hymn 888

**Verse 1: O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**Verse 2: O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

Sending Song: *(continued)*

**Verse 3: O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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A large wooden cross silhouette stands prominently on the right side of the frame, set against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow and creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the foreground, the silhouettes of rolling hills and mountains are visible, adding depth to the scene. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

Holy Spirit: Connections