



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land our parish encompasses, the Awabakal and Darkinjung People. who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025

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Prayer Requests for the Bulletin

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door.

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

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| Saturday | 22nd March 5pm |
| | Mass—Cooranbong |
| Sunday | 23rd March 9.30am |
| | Mass—Morisset |
| Tuesday | 25th March 9.30am |
| | Mass—Morisset |
| Saturday | 29th March 5pm |
| | Mass—Cooranbong |
| Sunday | 30th March 9.30am |
| | Mass—Morisset |
| Tuesday | 1st April 9.30am |
| | Mass—Morisset |
| Saturday | 5th April 5pm |
| | Mass—Morisset |
| Sunday | 6th April 9.30am |
| | Mass—Morisset |

Dear Parish Family,

“Why do bad things happen to good people?”

Lent begins with the challenge don't be like those *Scribes and Pharisees* they are *hypocrites* (or two faced) by saying one thing and do something opposite. Instead, Lent invites us to question is God an important part of our life...do we know and understand God? This Sunday, Jesus is asked about some local news, the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem in the collapse of a tower. There was a belief that the Scribes and Pharisees held that if something bad happened or you got sick, you must have done something bad yourself!

Jesus takes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. It wasn't because of their sins that the Galileans were killed by Pilate, it wasn't because of their sins that the eighteen died when the tower at Siloam - in Jerusalem - fell on them. Pilate was the Roman Governor he killed people sometimes for no reason at all. And for the tower collapse, it was probably shoddy workmanship – you may recall sadly the 1997 bridge collapse in Israel where many top athletes were killed; closer to home, only a few years back there was the new apartment block built on Olympic Park when not even a year old had to be pulled down.

Things haven't changed much when I heard these statements as hospital chaplain: “Why do bad things happen to good people? Parents would sometimes say - How can God allow this to happen to my child? My husband/wife/child died; I must have done something wrong. I have cancer, what did I do wrong? What does this say about a notion of God? Jesus' response is that's not how God works. Things will happen, accidents happen, our bodies won't last forever, sometimes we will get sick but it's not what God does. God creates, God loves, God forgives....in this week of Lent, lets reflect upon prayer where we can learn more about the nature of God. CS Lewis once wrote “Prayer doesn't change God but changes us.” A change of heart and change of spirit to be like God's that shapes not just our world but the world around us.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross, we'll toil with hearts and hands

*To make this Commonwealth of ours, renowned of all the lands
For those who've across the seas, we've boundless plains to share
With courage let us all combine*

This weekend, we celebrate Cultural Diversity Sunday with the theme of “Embrace the Journey, Shape our Future”. Diversity Sunday is about fostering unity, inclusion and respect because diversity is the gift that makes us who we are as a country. In Australia, more than 1 in 4 people were born overseas and nearly half of all Australians have at least one parent born overseas! We are all created in the image and likeness of God. It is through embracing our differences that we build a more peaceful and harmonious world, and we celebrate not only the

things we share in common but also the diversity that each family, culture and individual brings to our parish.

When you think about it across the parishes and schools our communities represents a wide range of countries, including Australia (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples), New Zealand, Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Colombia, Brazil, Spain, Scotland, Poland, Ireland, India, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Surinam, China, Japan, South Korea, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Serbia, Italy, Slovakia, Iraq, Macedonia, Canada, Turkey, the USA and Germany. Did I miss any?

With courage let us all combine to make our communities places where all will feel welcome, valued and safe. Have a great week everyone.....

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

PPC Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet after the 9.30am Mass this Tuesday 22nd March 2025.

5 Sundays in March.

A reminder that we have five Sundays in March. So, we will have Vigil Mass again at Cooranbong next Saturday evening 29th March at 5pm.

2025 Sacramental Program Information Night

Dear Parish and School Families,

It is now time that we begin the process of welcoming families into the preparation of sacraments at St John Vianney Morisset. If your child is 8 years old or over and are baptised, we invite you to come to an information meeting on the 25 March at 6pm in our Parish Centre where we will invite you into the process involved in preparing your children into the initiation Sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation. Children are not expected to attend this information session. Please go to : <https://forms.office.com/r/w3MBHAMTTi> or contact our Parish Office to register your attendance: Ph: 02 4973 6859 or Email: morparish@mn.catholic.org.au We look forward to working with you in your child's faith journey.

Caring for our Housebound and Aged Care Parishioners

On Friday we celebrated our Anointing Mass for the parish. One of my priorities in the parish are to setup regular visits by our priests to our parishioners who are in aged care or a housebound.

To ensure we have accurate records if you could please complete the form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/qERCmhqUrQ> contact the office by phone or email with the following information please...

- Name of the person
- Their Address / Aged Care Facility and Contact Details
- Your Name if you visit them
- Any information that may assist the visit

When we have the information, we will be in contact with you about accompanying one of our priests on the first visit.

Darryl

Lenten Journey

Lent is a time to examine our ways, repent our failings and imitate God's love and mercy. The season culminates in the Easter liturgies, the Triduum, as the church recalls the paschal mystery. With hope and grace, we welcome this season of repentance and renewal.

During Lent the Parishes of West Lake Macquarie will host a 'Lenten Journey' in their Churches. Everyone is invited to make the next stage of 'Lenten Journey' together.

There will also be an opportunity for reconciliation at each church on the journey.

Warners Bay-Wednesday 2nd April 7pm.

Morisset -Wednesday 16th April 7pm

Way of the Cross

This year's Way of the Cross will continue our pilgrimage experience that began with the Jubilee Launch. Come and walk with fellow pilgrims and build relationships as we share our responses to Pope Francis' invitation to become agents of hope within our own communities.

Join us at 3pm on Sunday 6 April (you can gather from 2pm) ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, TORONTO - 140 Wangi Road, Toronto NSW 2283

ENQUIRIES: mission@mn.catholic.org.au

REGISTER: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-way-of-the-cross-a-pilgrimage-of-hope-tickets-1250877762059

Chrism Mass

Bishop Michael Kennedy will preside

On
Tuesday
15th April 2025
at 7pm



Sacred Heart Cathedral
841 Hunter St Newcastle West
followed by refreshments

All Welcome

WESTLAKES EASTER MASS TIMES 2025



HOLY THURSDAY: 17 APRIL 2025

6.00PM ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO

6.30PM ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY

7.00PM ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

GOOD FRIDAY: 18 APRIL 2025

10.00AM - (STATIONS) ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY

3.00PM - ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY

3.00PM - ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO

3.00PM - ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL: 19 APRIL 2025

6.00PM - ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO

6.00PM - ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

6.30PM - ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY

EASTER SUNDAY: 20 APRIL 2025

8.00AM - ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY

9.00AM - ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO

9.30AM - ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

10.00AM - ST MICHAEL'S BOORAGUL



PROJECT COMPASSION

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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Extraordinary Ministers

Last Saturday at the Extraordinary Ministers workshop, Fr Paul explained to those who attended, the pending changes to the distribution of Holy Communion.

When Covid restrictions were introduced, only the Priest distributed Holy Communion at Mass. This practice has continued in our Parish up until the present time.

Now that restrictions have been lifted, it is proposed to reintroduce Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Over the coming weeks more information will be forthcoming, in preparation for this change.

Easter Ministries

If you are going to be around for Easter, we need assistance with ministries. Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Please complete the online sign-up form at <https://forms.office.com/r/8S3hQBEBKn> or the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Please consider.

With A Light Heart

Two Irishmen were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work but couldn't understand what they were doing.

So, he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it. Why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

Baptism Preparation

If you are seeking baptism for your child or children in our parish please register your interest to attend one of our baptism preparation programs at: <https://forms.office.com/r/HRzVSryKVh>

Jubilee Art Exhibition – Saturday 31 May

Members of the Diocesan community are invited to create an artwork focusing on the theme - "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). Winning entries will travel across the Diocese in a travelling exhibition during the Jubilee Year.

Entry Categories: A. Primary School B. High School C. Adult
Prize for each Category: 1st Prize - \$500, 2nd Prize - \$250, 3rd Prize - \$100

Key dates:

- Friday 9 May - Registration of artworks Jubilee Art Exhibition
- Saturday 31 May - Exhibition Opening: 2pm-4pm, Veritas Centre, San Clement Catholic College, Mayfield

Requirements:

Artworks created on A4 paper (only) leaving a 2cm boarder for framing. Any medium suitable for a 2D artwork on paper can be used. Artist Statement – maximum 250 words –describe how your artwork connects with the theme, 'Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Rom 5:1-2.5)'.
Enquires: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025

Join us on pilgrimage this Jubilee Year with Bishop Michael Kennedy as we visit the biblical sites and spiritual heights of Greece, Turkey and Italy from 25 September -12 October. Scan visit www.mn.catholic.org.au and click the 2025 Jubilee Year Information tile for more information, the application form, and costings.



55th Anniversary of Cursillo in Maitland - Newcastle Diocese

18th May 2025

9:30 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Michael Kennedy. Followed by morning tea.

RSVP- Claire McWilliam
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If you would like to make contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection please do so at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, Diocese App, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: 1st Collection & SURNAME or contact the parish office to set up a direct debit.

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| WEEKEND ROSTERS | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | <u>THIS WEEK</u> | <u>NEXT WEEK</u> |
| <u>PRESIDERS</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | Mass Mass | Mass Mass |
| <u>PROCLAIMERS:</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | K Lendon L Hutchinson | U France K Lendon |
| <u>PSALMIST:</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | J Foo J Vipan | J France M Shamley |
| <u>GIFTS</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | J Parkins L McRae | H White S Mathew |
| <u>SERVERS</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | M Melvey J Lawandos | J Foo M Melvey |
| <u>AV</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | M Foo E Lawandos | D Peterson M Fitzgerald |
| <u>WELCOMERS</u> | 5PM 9.30AM | H White J Hutchins | K Cameron H White |
| <u>CHURCH CLEANING</u> | COOR MOR | F Dunn D Whitten B Hutcheson | K Cameron R & C Hay |



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S) - 25TH MAR
 SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA (OM) - 2ND APR
 SAINT ISIDORE (OM) - 4TH APR
 SAINT VINCENT FERRER (OM) - 5TH APR
 SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST DE LA SALLE (M) - 7TH APR
 SAINT STANISLAUS (M) - 11TH APR
 PALM SUNDAY— 13TH APR
 THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER— 17TH APRIL
 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—18TH APRIL
 PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT –19TH APRIL

Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life threatening disease:

Steve McKay, Terry Gillett, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bruce Gillett.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.



Art and Spirituality Days

We will be hosting two Art and Spirituality Days in 2025 on Friday 4 April and Friday 12 September at the Kilaben Bay Community Centre (140 Wangi Road, Kilaben Bay). Participants will engage in art-making experiences that will nourish their faith. Cost: \$25. BYO lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

Registration at :

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1235249708129>

For further information contact Rose McAllister on rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Pope Francis’ prayer intention for March 2025

That families in crisis might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish supports The Diocese in its zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Every one of us must each day commit ourselves individually and collectively to safeguard each child and every vulnerable person to whom we interact with.

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

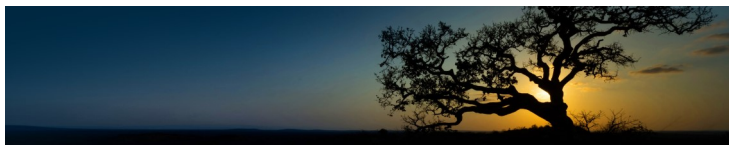
If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable person please contact the Office of Safeguarding Phone: 02 4979 1390 Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au,

or visit their website for further information:

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream

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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Second Sunday of Lent Year C Sunday 16 Mar 2025

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

A short hymn might be sung.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one, and strengthens us by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.
In union with the whole Church,
we call upon the mercy of the Lord
in this season of repentance and renewal.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are here among us: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

God of mercy,
you never give up on us.
Open our minds and hearts
to your presence among us.
Give us your living water
so that we may never thirst again.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin
Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, let us make our prayers before the Lord,
who is ever kind and merciful to all.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, may continue to inspire true
adoration to Jesus Christ in Christians all over the world.
In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, through our support of Project Compassion, young
people in developing nations will be able to access education in
order to build a better future for themselves and for future
generations.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who discriminate against others will instead reach
out in friendship and harmony.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That as we practise prayer and fasting, we may be renewed in
faith for the death and resurrection of Christ. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Pope Francis, and all who are sick, will continue to receive
effective and compassionate care, both physically and
spiritually.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live forever with the Lord in
compassion and love.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Father, your Son teaches us to repent and believe the
Good News. Hear our prayers and give us strength through
reflection, penitence and perseverance to be witness to your
Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All:

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

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

May the Lord bless us in all things through Christ
so that we may work together in loving service.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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