



Closing of the Assembly

Bishop: Jesus said, You will be my witnesses

People: to the ends of the earth.

Bishop: I chose you and appointed you

People: to bear fruit that will last.

Bishop: Remember, I will be with you always,

People: to the end of time.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: 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 lead the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now and we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

People: Amen.

Bishop: Go forth, speaking the truth in love.

People: We will! Thanks be to God.

Hymn: To Be Your Presence (see next page)

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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