

Decommissioning old Paraments



Christ Lutheran Church
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P Sisters and brothers, today we are going to decommission these old green paraments. We give thanks to God for the many years these paraments have adorned our church and showed us the beauty of holiness and proclaimed the glory of God's majesty.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ...He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." (Ecclesiastes 3:1,12)

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

We give you thanks for these paraments, which we decommission and put to rest today. We give you thanks for the blessings we have all received through these paraments and banners for they have adorned this house for these many years. They have shown us the beauty of holiness and proclaimed the glory of your majesty.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Burning of the Paraments

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my
O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like
now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my

of - fer - ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
 in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
 you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of
 of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the
 life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
 God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.
 fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

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P Walking with Christ, go in peace to love and serve our church and neighbors.

C Thanks be to God