



CHRIST'S CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
HAMILTON ONTARIO

CHORAL EUCHARIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
CLIMATE JUSTICE SUNDAY
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10:30AM



Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather today on the lands occupied by the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish with One Spoon" wampum agreement. We honour and respect these nations and commit ourselves to walk together gently upon this land.



The Gathering of the Community

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

GATHERING MUSIC Allegro from Sonata in E flat JS Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now CP#239
We begin our worship together in community by praising God in song.

1 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

3 Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

2 Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

4 Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Anglican worship to this day.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly king,
al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each day that "collects" or brings out the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes God's attributes as shown in the scriptures for the day.

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, companion on the way: break through the disillusionment and despair which cloud our vision, so that we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE SUNDAY

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation, and teach us to see all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 51.1-6

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

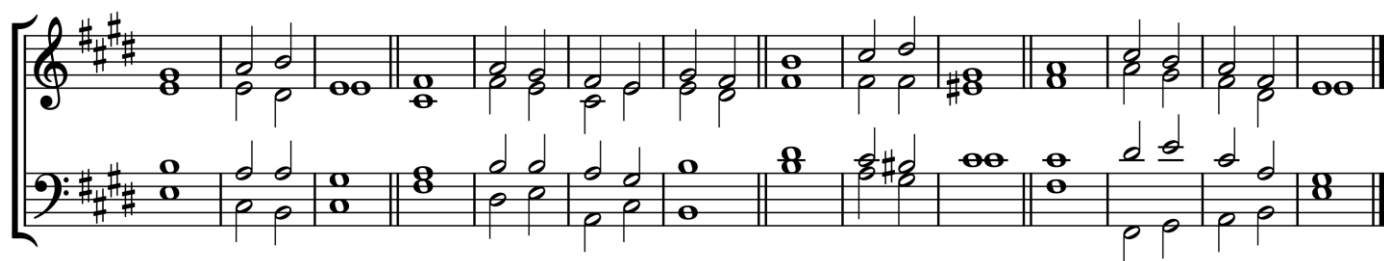
Listen to me, my people,
 and give heed to me, my nation,
 for a teaching will go out from me
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.
 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens
 and look at the earth beneath,
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats,
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34.1-10

The psalms are prayers Jesus used covering every mood of our relationship with God and one another.



- 1 I will bless the / Lord at · all / times; *
 the praise of God shall / ever · be / in my / mouth.
- 2 I will glory / in the / Lord; *
 let the / humble / hear and · re/joyce.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness / of the / Lord; *
 let us exalt the / name of / God to/gether.
- 4 I sought the / Lord who / answered me, *
 and delivered me / out of / all my / terror.



- 5 Look upon / God and · be / radiant, *
and let not your / faces / be a/shamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction / and the · Lord / heard me, *
and / saved me · from / all my / troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses / those who · fear / God, *
and will / hasten / to de/liver · them.
- 8 Taste and see that the / Lord is / good; *
happy are / they who / trust in / God!
- 9 Fear the Lord you holy / ones of / God, *
for / those who · fear / God lack / nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and / suffer / hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack / nothing / that is / good.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.17-23

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation of John.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

CP#629 (vv1-2)

1 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.13-35

This reading is from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah

should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

CP#629 (vv3-4)

3 Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me—
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

4 O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

THE SERMON

Deirdre Pike

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three "persons" of God - the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution) and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The presider invites the people to confession.

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,
we confess to you that we have sinned, we have failed in our care for the land and its creatures, we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful of the resources you have entrusted to us. Polluted air and water, eroded soil and salty earth, birds and animals deprived of habitat, and neighbours left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness: all these cry out against us. We do not know how to restore what we have damaged, and we repent in sorrow and distress. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy. Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends, and to work together for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. Send out your Spirit, O God. Renew the hearts of your people. Renew the face of the earth.**

THE PEACE

The community stands for the Peace.

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church. Donations to the mission of the Cathedral can be made via PayPal, using the QR code here.



OFFERTORY HYMN

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

CP#546

1 God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs
and works his sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence,
he hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter
and he will make it plain.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving is a prayer recalling Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the this prayer with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

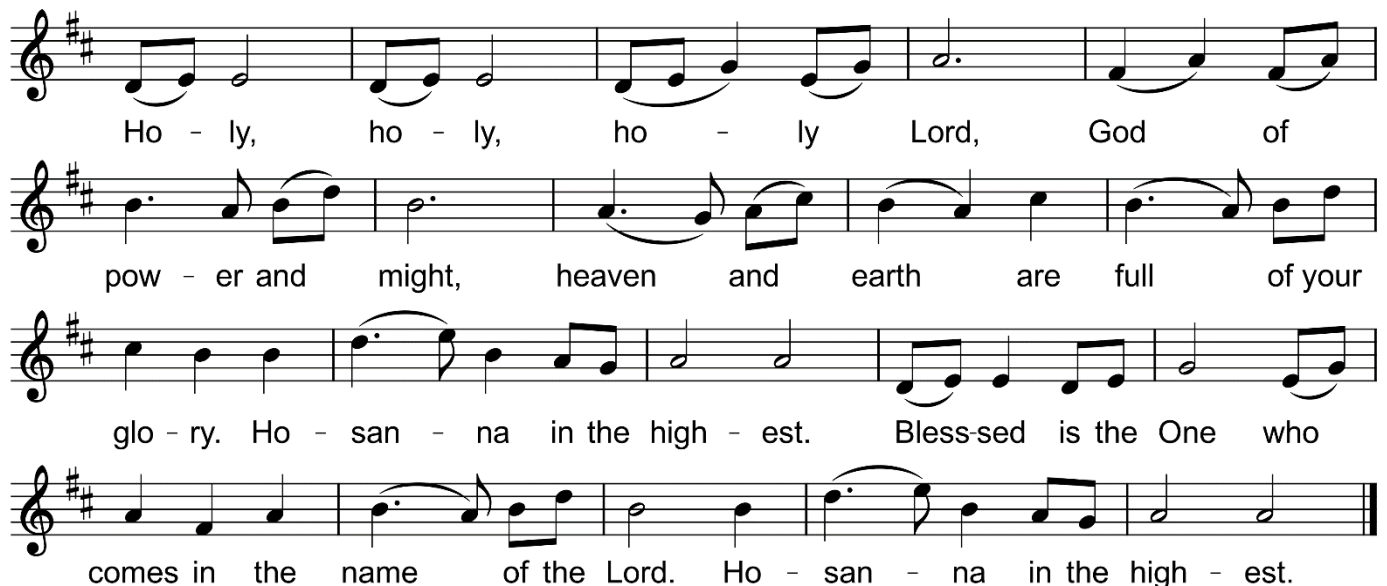
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their triumphant hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honour is yours, O God, O Loving One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, please come forward to the altar rail or to the standing station. To receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us. world: grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Sing Alleluia Forth Eric Thiman

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise, ye citizens of heaven; O sweetly raise an endless alleluia. Ye powers, who stand before th'eternal Light, in hymning choirs re-echo to the height an endless alleluia.

The holy city shall take up your strain, and with glad songs resounding wake again an endless alleluia. In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice to render to the Lord with thankful voice an endless alleluia.

Ye who have gained at length your palms in bliss, victorious ones, your chant shall still be this, an endless alleluia. There in one grand acclaim, for ever ring the strains which tell the honour of your King, an endless alleluia.

While Thee, by whom were all things made, we praise for ever, and tell out in sweetest lays an endless alleluia. Almighty Christ, to Thee our voices sing glory for evermore; to Thee we bring an endless alleluia. Amen.

The Sending Forth of the Community

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

May God the Father, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide you with all we need for life in its fulness. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine, feed you with his life and transform us in his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and all whom you love, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

2 The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords
and heaven's eternal light.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

3 the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

THE DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A

JS Bach

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