

PRELUDE: Andante in E-flat Minor

F. Chopin


# THE GREAT LITANY


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(The peoples' responses are in bold)


*The people, kneeling, as able, the cantor intones, the people respond*


## HYMN S 67: The Great Litany


*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*


*Officiant*   
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer-cy up-on us.


*Officiant*   
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.


*Officiant*   
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith-ful, Have mer-cy up-on us.


*Officiant*   
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant*   
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People*   
preserve us for ev-er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant*   
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

  
devil; and from everlast-ing dam-na-tion,

*People*   
Good Lord, de-liv-er us.

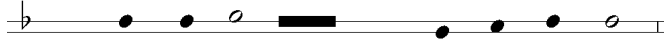
*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

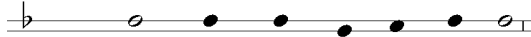
*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:*



*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people, standing as able*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* His mercy endures forever. Amen.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people, seated, as able, through the Second Reading*

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*Reader*      A reading from Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung in unison, beginning after the asterisk in the first verse*

**RESPONSE:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-11, 16; *Qui habitat*

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most / High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Al- / mighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my / stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my / trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your / refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habit /- ation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to / you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your / dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge / over you, \*  
to keep you in all your / ways.
- 16 With long life will I / satisfy him, \*  
and show him my sal- / vation.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 10:8b-13

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

The people, standing as able through the end of the Gospel Reading

HYMN 149: Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here—the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;  
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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### THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

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

**People** Glory to you Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people, seated*

**THE SERMON:** The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

*The people, standing as able*

**THE NICENE CREED** *(In unison)*

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**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, *[low bow]* 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 *[low bow]*:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. *[Stand erect]*  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 *[Sign of the cross]* of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



*The people, standing as able*

**THE PEACE**

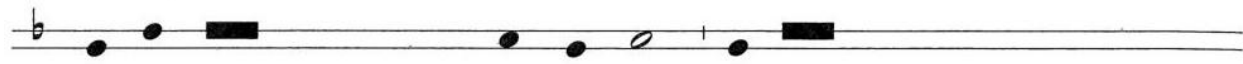
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*Presider*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

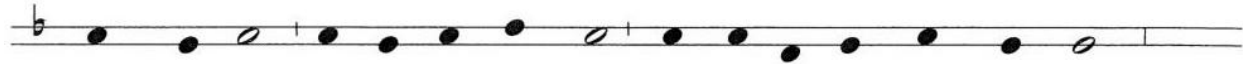
**People**       **And also with you.**



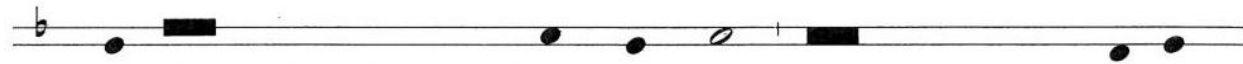
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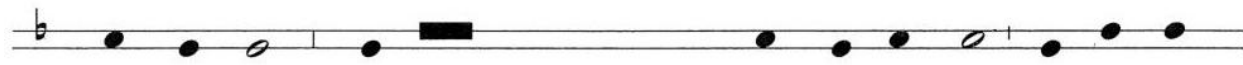
It is right and a good and joy - ful thing, al - ways and everywhere to give



thanks to you, Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Cre - a - tor of heav'n and earth.



You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the



Pas - chal feast; that fervent in prayer and in works of mer - cy, and re - new'd



by your Word and Sac - ra - ments, they may come to the full - ness of grace



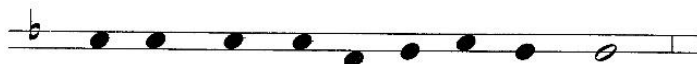
which you have prepar'd for those who love you.



There - fore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch - an - gels

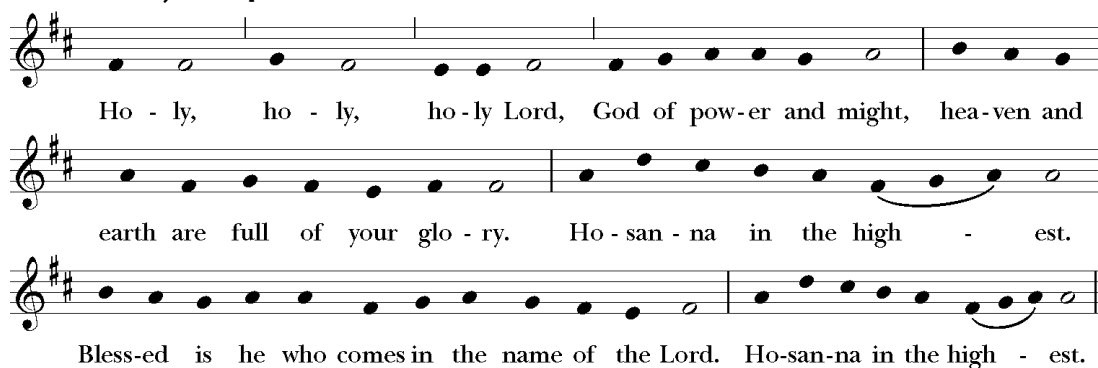


and with all the compa - ny of hea - ven who for ev - er sing this hymn



to pro - claim the glo - ry of your Name:

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

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

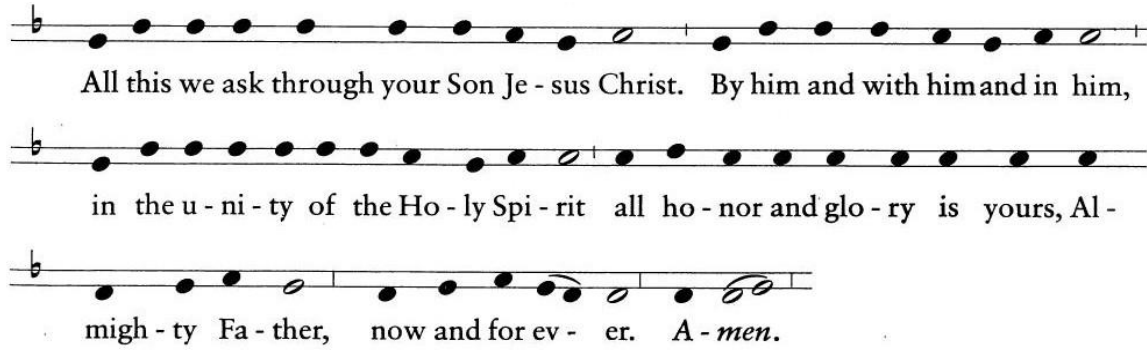
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.



All this we ask through your Son Je - sus Christ. By him and with him and in him,  
in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al -  
migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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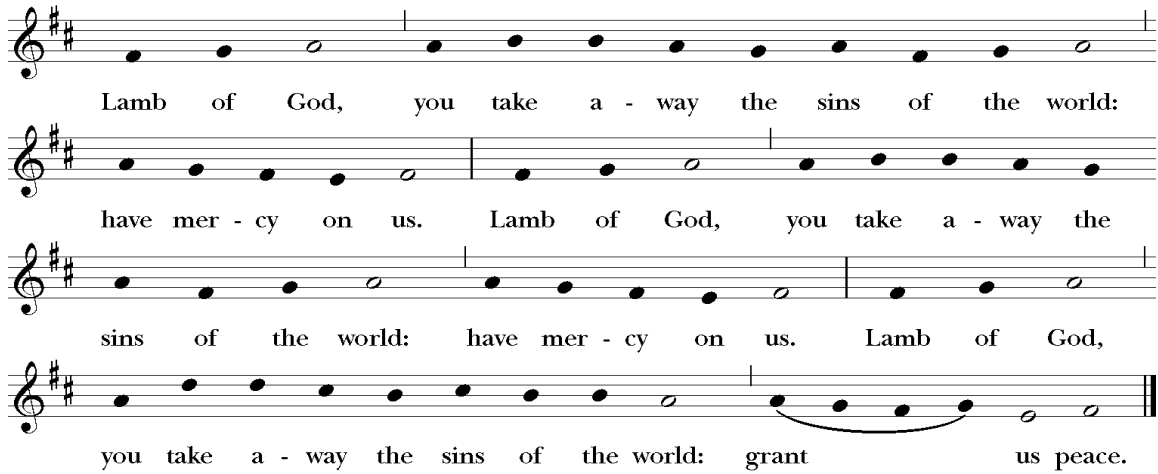
*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in - to  
temp-tation, but de-liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glo - ry. For ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, S 161 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**



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

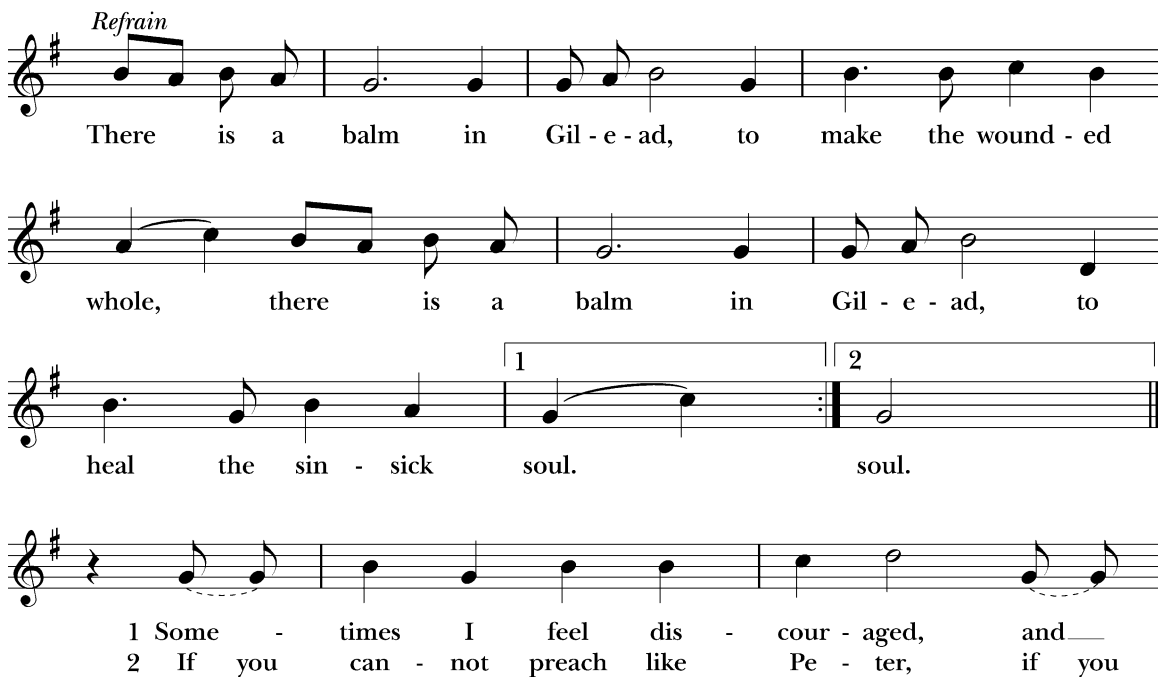
**COMMUNION INVITATION**

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*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants.*

**HYMN 676: There is a balm in Gilead**



*Refrain*  
There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed  
whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to  
heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly  
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

*Repeat Refrain*

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

*The people, standing as able.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel**

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**POSTCOMMUNION, HYMN 142: Lord, who throughout these forty days**

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

**DISMISSAL**

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**Presider** Let us bless the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

*During the season of Lent there is no postlude.  
You are invited to depart worship in silence during this season.*

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